

**L.A.D. Board Meeting
Saturday, January 24, 2009
A.A.D. in Alexandria**

President Randy Pippins called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Roll Call: President Randy Pippins, Vice President Houston Moss, Secretary Pauline Wood, Treasurer Kenny Davis & member-at-large: Cleve Cormier
Chapter Representatives: Donna Cormier, Ed Wood, Judith Perrodin, Shirley Delahoussaye, Thelma Covello
Absent: Bobbie LeFors and Tommie Patterson
8 Visitors**

The minutes of September 13, 2008 was accepted without correction.

Correspondences:

A letter from La. Acadian. Deaf – Blind Citizens (LADBC) officers, Judith Perrodin and Dan Arabie asking for donation

A letter from Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (COSD), Cynthia LaCour asking LAD to sponsor the 10th Louisiana Deaf Festival

President Randy Pippins:

- +L.S.D. protest last October which ensued the closure of LSD for one month**
- + Expressed disappointment in Gov. Bobby Jindal for not responding to our request to meet with him**
- +LAVRS - Kathy Walters is now our agent for Louisiana. Since few customers are using LAVRS we will be getting \$250 monthly instead of \$350.**
- +Encouraged to have LAD conference for only one day on June 6, 2009**

Vice President Houston Moss:

- +Concerned about the morale of the teachers and students at LSD**
- +Kevin Lemoine is now LSD's temporary liaison between Liz Moore and Paul Pastorek**
- + Encouraged that the state of La. accept ASL as the foreign language and be taught in schools and universities**

Secretary Pauline Wood:

- + Bought a card for Tommie Patterson who is improving from major surgery and need every board member to sign the card**
- +Shared the meeting with Paul Pastorek last fall**
- +People have been asking the secretary when the conference would be**
- +Each board member is to write his/her report before each board meeting and e-mail to her**

Treasurer Kenny Davis:

- +Asked Arthur Patterson to resign as the auditor so he can attend to his wife, Tommie
- +Dale Brazzle was the only auditor who went through all months except for December, 2008. The December audit is not completed because one check was used but does not show amount on the stub.
- +Will hand in yearly financial report for 2008 before submit it to Janet Arnold, our CPA
- +LAD's 100th anniversary was a success. 224 people attended
- +He and Houston Moss are keeping eyes peeled on Merrill & Lynch.. the loss is starting
- +August 2008 - \$334,242.14
- September 2008 - \$305,104.68
- October 2008 - \$298,602.03
- November 2008 - \$300.761.98
- +Youth and Pageant funds are now in one account
- +Set up legal and marketing funds

Member-at-large:

Cleve Cormier expressed concerns for LAD newsletter

Chapter Reps:

Shirley Delahoussaye (LRID) - There will be LRID workshop in Natchitoches
Enjoyed the 100th celebration
Judith Perrodin (LADBC) - LADBC to host annual picnic on April 25 and
expressed hope that LAD will help defray some expenses
Donna Cormier (LAAD) - Donated LAD the softball program book

Old Business:

Law committee to work on Miss Deaf Louisiana Pageant

New Business:

1. Judith Perrodin (T. Covello) moved that LAD donate LADBC to help defray the cost for the picnic on April 25.
Houston Moss (C. Cormier) amended that we donate \$100.00 only for airfare.
Ed Wood (H. Moss) amended that we purchase air tickets for the entertainer.
It was moved that LAD help LADBC defray the cost by purchasing air tickets for the entertainer at the picnic on April 25.
Carried
2. Kenny Davis (H. Moss) moved that we sponsor COSD but needed to find out how much we donated in the past before he could send the check to Cynthia LaCour. Carried

3. Houston Moss (K. Davis) moved to have one day conference on June 6 of this Year.
Pauline Wood (T. Covello) amended that the president set up a committee to work on a theme.
Shirley Delahoussaye (J. Perrodin) amended that the committee focus on the conference site, theme, expenses.
It was moved that LAD host one day conference on June 6 and the president is to set up a committee to focus on the conference site, theme and expenses. Carried
4. Kenny Davis (T. Covello) moved that we add marketing fund from LAVRS in LAD account for travelling purpose.
Houston Moss (K. Davis) moved to kill the old motion that LAVRS fund go Senior fund. Carried
5. Houston Moss (C. Cormier) moved to find an author to write a bill supporting ASL as the foreign language to be used in public schools and universities.
Ed Wood (D. Cormier) amended that we ask MJ Bienvenu to help write the proposal. Carried
6. Kenny Davis (C. Cormier) moved that the board allow him to set up a legal fund and let him decide which fund to withdraw for the legal fund.
Houston Moss (P. Wood) amended that any monies coming in our account, 20% is to go to the legal fund. Carried

Announcements:

Ed Wood – LAD sponsored Super Bingo last Jan. 1 and earned around \$22,000.

- BRAD will have poker tournament on Feb. 7. Italian meal will be served

Thelma Covello –Advised us to use Telecommunication Access Program (TAP) for cheaper monthly rate for text and e-mails

Wanda Miller – Envious of other organizations because AAD (Alexandria) does not have enough exposure about themselves. AAD needs our support so Bingo was suggested if the members of AAD come to help us one day
- Asked that one or two of us return to AAD to give a workshop about leadership

Roland Brossett – Anthony Mowad's daughter, Julie, found a picture of LSD's 1955 track team and gave it to him. Roland doesn't want to keep it so he gave it to LSD to hang in the Archives

President Randy Pippins - The next board meeting will be in Baton Rouge on March 28 at ~~10:00~~ 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Pauline Wood

