

**L.A.D. Board Meeting
Saturday, March 28, 2009
LAD Office, Baton Rouge**

President Randy Pippins called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

Roll call:

Officers: Randy Pippins, President; Houston Moss, Vice President; Secretary Pauline Wood; Kenny Davis, Treasurer

Members at large: Tommie Patterson, Bobbie LeFors Cleve Cormier;

Chapter Representatives: Thelma Covello, Alexandria Assoc of the Deaf; Ed Wood, BR Assoc of the Deaf; Donna Cormier, Lafayette Athletic Assoc of the Deaf

Absentee: Shirley Delahoussaye

The minutes of January 24, 2009 was accepted without correction.

Correspondences:

- A) A letter from Kathy Mc Donald for Southeastern Regional Institute on Deafness. SERID is asking for a donation of either a door prize or items that could be placed in the gift bags for their conference during the week of Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2009. It will be held at Beau Rivage Resort in Biloxi, Miss.
- B) A letter from Cynthia LaCour for Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (COSD). She thanked us for our generosity and helping them to be successful to have the festival again.
- C) A letter from Charles Roemer acknowledging us that he got a copy of Bill of Rights for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children.
- D) Westbank Assoc. of the Deaf asking for an advertisement for Dixie Deaf Bowling tournament from May 22 through 24, 2009.

Officers' Reports:

President Pippins:

- 1. A one day conference will be on June 6 of this year. It will be held at Embassy Suites not far from LAD office. Three meals will be served. There will be four (4) sessions and no workshops.
- 2. He and others met with Brandon Burris about L.S.D. Brandon Burris said he would help us especially about Human Rights at the school. He would get Governor Jindal to meet with us.

Secretary Pauline Wood:

1. Secretary Pauline reported that she wrote an article about LSD but The Advocate never printed it.
2. Robley Berzas asked for our help regarding the interpreting problem the deaf people are having in Kenner.

Treasurer John K. Davis:

- 1) Monthly reports: December 2008 - \$289,232.40
January 2009 - \$315,737.12
February 2009 - \$331,020.89
- 2) The income from Bingo is increasing. The amount of \$90,000 was transferred to general fund account.
- 3) The income from Merrill Lynch is declining. For 3 months we lost \$840.15. Hopefully March will be better.
- 4) Preparing for the one day conference in June. For members, it will be \$35 for the conference and three meals. For non-members, it will be \$50 including meals.
- 5) Received complaints about website. It needs to be updated. Working on it.
- 6) Working on the fiscal year before starting to file 990 and 990T.
- 7) There is a need for custodial services.

Old Business:

John Davis - We covered \$247 air fare for the entertainer to fly to Lafayette for the picnic April 25, 2009.

New Business:

1. Pauline Wood (Houston Moss) moved to donate \$100 to Westbank for Dixie Deaf Bowling tournament. Carried
2. Pauline Wood (Donna Cormier) made a motion to donate \$200 for Taza Davis of L.S.D. to attend summer program at Gallaudet University. Carried
3. John Davis (Thelma Covelo) moved to hire a custodial to clean LAD office. Houston Moss (Cleve Cormier) amended that the custodial be a deaf person. Carried
4. Pauline Wood (Bobbie LeFors) moved that we accept the theme "One Day, Two Years" for our next conference in June. Carried

Announcements:

Ed Wood: BRAD poker tournament on May 2.

Thelma Covello: Alex. Assoc. of the Deaf will host crawfish boil on April 11. They will also host 37th annual picnic on July 18.

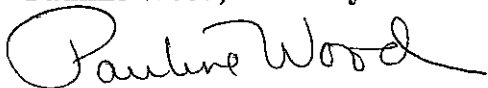
Donna Cormier: Lafayette will host crawfish boil on April 5. They will also host a picnic on May 3.

Judith Perrodin: LADBC will have picnic on April 25. For the Deaf/Blind's Awareness day, Helen Keller's grandniece will be the guest.

Special Session: Robley Berzas explained the problems the deaf people are having with the city of Kenner. Pauline Wood volunteered to go to Kenner to meet with the city's council soon. Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Pauline Wood, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pauline Wood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "Pauline Wood, Secretary".