

L.A.D. Board Meeting
August 15, 2009
Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf Hall

President Randy Pippins called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Roll Call

Officers: Randy Pippins, President; Ed Wood, Vice President; Pauline Wood, Secretary and John Davis, Treasurer

Members-at-Large: Bobbie LeFors, Cleve Cormier and Joseph Perrodin

Chapter Representatives: Thelma Covello for Alex. Assoc. of the Deaf; Donna Cormier for Laf. Athletic Assoc. of the Deaf; Shirley Delahoussaye for L.R.I.D. and Judith Perrodin for La. Deaf and Blind.

It was mentioned that Baton Rouge Assoc. of the Deaf will need to select a new representative to take Ed Wood's place.

Minutes of June 6, 2009 Conference:

Pauline Wood, Secretary, said it is not complete because of the changes in by-laws and she needs to wait for the updated one.

Correspondence:

***Hatrak Sisters Enterprise about presenting workshops in February of 2010. }**

***Letter from Wayne Langbein thanking LAD for donation of \$1,600 to support two Louisiana's athletes to participate in Deaflympics.**

***Letter from Patricia Mann thanking LAD for the donation of \$800 to support Dash for Deaf Kids.**

Officers' Reports:

President Randy Pippins

+People commented positively on the one day conference last June. The Embassy Suites is the best hotel for our conferences.

+Suggested that the board meetings be held in Baton Rouge and Lafayette to save expenses

+Saw on web that members of NAD were having fund raising projects in their homes

+LAD members, Ed and Pauline Wood and he attended the town meeting with Kevin Lemoine and Donna Alleman two weeks ago

Vice President Ed Wood

- + Stated that his first task is to review the revisions of by-laws but haven't gotten the final one from former vice president, Houston Moss.
- +He has Oregon Assoc. of the Deaf's by-laws and he would compare them to ours.

Secretary Pauline Wood

- +We must act on notary law with La. legislature. Current law says that an interpreter shall be one of two witnesses to sign on any documents. We must stop that.
- +Felt that people at the town meeting as stated by Randy Pippins were really mad at Kevin Lemoine that we did not give him an easy time.
- +Met with Hatrak Sisters at the Deaf Women United conference recently and they expressed interest in giving workshops for the deaf community, parents of LSD students, LSD students and LRID members
- +Talked with Judith Gilliam about our proposal for NAD to cover the expenses for the next three consecutive conferences. Said it is not feasible because it would cost NAD more than \$5,000 to cover our expenses for the conferences in six years.

Treasurer John Davis

- +LAD needs to clean out the storage, from two to one unit. It will be \$85 monthly for one unit.
- +Need to hire cleaning ladies to clean LAD office two times a month.
- +LAD decided to cover more expenses for Ana Shelton and Terrell Summers to participate in Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan.
- +Suggested that we pay for the LAD office in full because in the long run it will save LAD's money on interest.
- +Webhost is closed. Interviewed Mike Mack as our next webmaster. Will need to interview Paul Winfree.

Members'-at-Large Reports:

Cleve Cormier

- +LAD office is in need of renovation
- +Support workshops by the Hatrak Sisters

Bobbie LeFors

- +Happy to hear that we are making progress in website
- +LAD needs to do more for the Senior Citizens of Louisiana

Joseph Perrodin

- +LAD needs to act more to help LSD
- +There are more mainstreamed schools than state schools in U.S.
- +Interpreters at mainstreamed schools should be certified

Chapter Representatives' Reports:

Ed Wood for Baton Rouge Assoc. of the Deaf

+BRAD just had a special meeting and it was decided that they will sell the clubhouse; freeze membership; and revised the by-laws. Should BRAD be dissolved, the fund will be held by LAD. Our goal is set up a fund for the Senior Citizens living quarters.

Thelma Covello for Alex. Assoc. of the Deaf

+There are 29 members of AAD.
+Explained to AAD members about the construction of website
+Need to educate some people about their choices of interpreters
+Executive board members need to attend different events. They take turns to attend the events
+Need to put up LAD hours on LAD's office door.

Shirley Delahoussaye for LRID

+Plans to attend LRID conference in Lafayette next month
+Hopes to continue as LRID representative to LAD

Donna Cormier for Laf. Athletic Assoc. of the Deaf

+LAAD has 121 members
+Hopes to continue as LAAD representative to LAD

Judith Perrodin for La. Deaf and Blind

+Thanked the LAD board members to help smooth out LADBC problems
+LADBC has a new vice president, Angela Lentili who replaces Dan Arabie and Philomena Wolf is the new LADBC representative to the Lafayette area

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Pauline Wood to accept Hatrak Sisters' proposal to give workshops this February. Ed Wood amended that LAD covers all expenses.

Main motion: LAD accepts Hatrak Sisters' proposal to give workshops this February at LAD's expenses. Carried

2. A motion was made by Pauline Wood to take action on notary issue regarding the certified interpreter as one of the witnesses. Carried

3. Cleve Cormier moved that we pay off LAD's mortgage on the office. Carried

Announcements:

Thelma Covello - Alex. Assoc. of the Deaf will have a banquet to honor some of its members.

There will be a Halloween party on the second Saturday in Oct.

Judith Perrodin - LADBC will have a walk-a-thon on Sept. 12

John Davis – CSDVRS – Butch Zien is no longer our contact person. Our new one is Kathy Walters

Donna Cormier – LAAD will have picnic and boiled crabs on Sept. 13

Joseph Perrodin – N.O. Deaf Black Assoc. is having a cookout here in BR as we speak.

South N.O. Assoc. of the Deaf is now having a clubhouse on Elyssis Field Blvd.

Pauline Wood – Will attend LRID conference in Lafayette next month

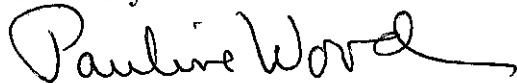
The next meeting will be at LAAD on November 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Pauline Wood

Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pauline Wood". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.