

MINUTES
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
OCTOBER 27, 2013
Canal Blvd Baptist Church
New Orleans, LA
3:30 p.m.

Roll Call: President Louis Cannon; Vice President Cindy Robillard; Secretary Mary L. Smith; Treasurer Kenny Davis; Members-at-Large Alla Tarasyuk, Dave Imme, Richie Fraychineaud. Sergeant-at-arms: Hansen Touchand-Baker. Tellers: Houston Moss, Paul Winfree, Dustin Cutrer, and Norman Walker.

Agenda: Terminate LAD Vice President.

Prior to the meeting Pastor John Lovas commented he hope to meet some of the LAD members. He stated he not know that the agenda was to terminate the Vice President. He illustrated points of community working together by showing twigs. He thought the meeting agenda was to improve LAD. Using the example of unity he told the story of a father-son camping. The moral of the story was a strong twig does not snap. He used it to illustrate that a strong twig does not break. By being united the LAD would not break. Deaf community needs to set up workshops. Wanted join GNOAD to set up workshops. As Pastor he is not in a box, not limited to church, work to improve the community. Individuals can not fight alone. LAD can become a star. Pastor Lovas stated he is the same as any deaf individual. Like others he would fight to improve the deaf community. He believe that a possible solution is to swallow pride and solve the problem. We all have flaws. We all have quality. Yet we make a choice to take control of your lives. The quality of life and control is up to you. Wise advisors confront problem, "shoot" the problem. To solve the problem, cooperation is needed. He hopes members agree with him to remove the flaw and solve the problems. The choice is up to individuals. Took a few minutes to pray.

President Cannon: First of all thank Pastor Lovas for allowing us to meet here.

Meeting was called to order at 3:48. Power point displayed. President Cannon stated LAD established 1908 to help deaf community improve way of life.

President Cannon received several letters from concerned members asking that a special meeting be called as soon as possible to terminate the Vice President because despite being told the special meeting was out of order, she proceeded with the "Special Meeting."

On September 20, 2013 Vice President e-mailed the LAD board and LDAs asking for a vote to have a special meeting.

September 22, 2013 the Vice President called a special meeting without the proper procedures as defined in our bylaws.

September 23, 2013 LAD President sent a letter to the Vice President and the Board explaining the proper procedures.

September 26 Secretary sent letters to the LAD members, including the Board, informing them the special meeting called by the Vice President was out of order.

September 28 Secretary sent an e-mail to the LAD board with the attorney's comment about the special meeting being called by the Vice President was out of order.

The Vice President did not authority to call a meeting; only the secretary may issue a call for a special meeting.

October 16, 2013 the secretary issued a call for a special meeting from President Cannon on behalf of those LAD members who cited the Vice President for failing duties of Vice President.

Lisa Potter (Nolan Diaz) moved three pro's and three con's on the issue of "to terminate the Vice President" to be debated. Passed.

Discussion was follow on Local Deaf Associations and procedures for voting.

Mary Smith (Antonia Pitre) moved we call for a vote.

Results of voting: Vice President stay. (64 voted Vice President stay)

Pastor Lovas reminded everyone that they must "attack" the problem and come up with solutions.

Norman Walker moved the meeting adjourned.

Eighty-eight LAD members attended the meeting.

President Cannon announced meeting is adjourned 6:42 p.m.



Mary L. Smith
Secretary