



MINUTES
Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Inc.
Quarterly Board Meeting, January 13, 2018
Jones Creek Library
Baton Rouge, LA

Open Membership Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Acting President Cindy Robillard.

Members share their concerns:

- LAD website needs to be updated and be more Deaf-friendly as well as for Deaf-Blind.
- Bernice Cooper shares information about need for LAD/LRID need to work together
- One of the goals of LRID is to improve relationship between LRID and LAD (Interpreting and Deaf Community)
- We have requested a meeting between the boards for months. Waiting on LAD to give us date to meet
- Have clear communication between the two boards - each has a member on the other's board to bring communication between the organizations
- Support each other's activities - advertising, encouraging our groups to go to the other's events
- Provide joint workshops/trainings to improve services in the community.
- Upcoming workshop - April 14th in Lake Charles, free - ask Deaf community to attend
- Our 50th Anniversary conference will be in Oct. 2018 in BR. Raffle off gold bar. More details to follow
- There is no process in LA for deaf individuals to file complaint about an interpreter. That is being discussed with LCD.
- LRID is already working with LCD to improve interpreter services in LA, we have asked LAD to join in the discussion
- LCD has formed workgroups on various topics, including interpreter issues. Suggested an LAD board member speak to the LCD director about joining them.
- BRIC (Baton Rouge Interpreting Community) Monthly workshops, 2nd Thursday of each month at the Bluebonnet library. 6:30-8:30pm. Invited Deaf community to attend
- CCG (Communications Consulting Group) - I have a workshop I can provide to the Deaf community (already presented at BRAD) explaining how to complain about an interpreter.
- Gave information to Cindy about a lawyer (Andre Bizer) who has been giving workshops around the area on the A.D.A. He would be happy to come to a LAD meeting and speak

- Knows LRID website needs to be updated

CALL TO ORDER:

The second Quarterly Board meeting of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf was called to order at 10:55 am on January 13, 2018 at the Jones Creek Library in Baton Rouge, LA and was presided over by Acting President Cindy Robillard, with Jimmy Challis Gore as Secretary.

Roll Call: Cindy Robillard, Vice President, Jimmy Challis Gore, Secretary, Houston Moss, Treasurer. Member-At-Large(s) Wanda Miller, Lacey Richard, and Alla Tarasyuk. Absent: John Davis, President - medical leave. Guests: 6 visitors and 30 members

Board Members conducted a silent invocation. Pledge of Allegiance: Pauline Wood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 16-17, 2017 LAD Conference Minutes

Sept 30, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes approved as corrected

Nov 5, 2017 Executive Closed Session Minutes was not submitted.

Dec 2, 2018 Executive Minutes approved as corrected

Dec 10th Board of Director Meeting Minutes approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

The motion to remove LAD's FaceBook page. No action is being taken as of today, January 13, 2018.

Motion to install security video camera in LAD home office which was referred it to Ways and Means and to report recommendation at the next board meeting was deferred to the next board meeting,

Houston Moss (Wanda Miller) moved to continue to hold on donation until LAD's income shows over \$400,000 and will develop guidelines for the next board meeting.
(CARRIED)

Appointment of LAD's Representative to Early Hearing Detection and Intervention, February 2018. Alla Tarasyuk (Jimmy Gore) moved LAD Board appointed Jimmy Challis Gore to be LAD's Representative to Early Hearing Detection and Intervention to replace Patty Moss. (CARRIED)

Patti Moss, chair of Code of Ethics Committee, appointed Kenny David and Lisa Combs to serve on the committee. Held a committee meeting with Kenny David. Lisa Combs was not able to participate the meeting. The committee was not sure if intention of motion is to do research and to make recommendation as to necessity/need for a Code

of Ethics to the board. The committee agreed to plan to have a draft submitted to the LAD Board prior to the next quarterly board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lacey Richard (Houston Moss) moved to accept Decorator Depot USA's bid to install new blinds in LAD Home Office . (CARRIED)

Alla Tarasyuk (Jimmy Gore) moved to appoint Mary Smith as website Chair. (CARRIED)

Alla Tarasyuk (Jimmy Gore) moved to appoint a chair for LAD Legislature committee. (CARRIED) Acting President appointed Jimmy Gore as a chair of Legislature Committee on behalf of the LAD. (CARRIED)

Executive Session

Lacey Richard (Wanda Miller) moved LAD Board entered into an Executive Session to discuss three items: Bingo Chair compensation, NAD-National DGM Rally, and communication issues and the Board meeting will resume at 4:30PM.

Lacey Richard (Wanda Miller) Bingo Chairperson to earn \$90 per session as compensation. (CARRIED)

Jimmy Gore (Alla Tarasyuk) moved to donate \$500 to sponsor National DGM Rally on March 8th. (FAILED)

Communication among the Board members has resolved. One of board members walked out of the meeting.

Board members resumed the meeting after the executive session at 4:30PM. Acting President announced the results of the Executive Session: \$90 per session for the Bingo Chairperson, \$500 to the DGM Bus Rally, and that the communication issues among board members have been resolved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Acting President Robillard moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Challis Gore
LAD Secretary