



MINUTES

Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Inc. Quarterly Board Meeting, October 20, 2018 LightHouse Louisiana New Orleans, LA

Open Membership Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by President Cindy Robillard.

Concerns were expressed about:

Norma Zeringue encouraged LAD to take up leadership workshop trainings, learn about SSDI benefits and regulations for deaf citizens, hospital services, and social events.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Cindy Robillard called the Quarterly Board Meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

Roll Call: President Robillard, Vice President Tarasyuk, Secretary Gore, Treasurer Moss, and Members-at-Large Wanda Miller, Lacey Richard, and Pauline Wood.

Visitors: 16 members, 1 visitor

Pauline Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Robillard asked for a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board approved the April 7, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections. (CARRIED)

The board approved the July 28, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections. (CARRIED)

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Cindy Robillard.

Attended LEAD-K meetings on July 30, 2018 and August 27, 2018. Discussed differences between Kansas and California Language Milestones, information shared about assessment tools and resources and requested to talk to Sheri Ann Farinha through Skype on September 17, 2018.

Attended LEAD K meeting September 17, 2018. Feedback regarding SKI-HI at the last meeting, we had a virtual meeting with the National LEAD-K Director, Sheri Ann Farinha, via Skype. Sheri Ann Farinha remains actively involved with a lot of states as they navigate/implement LEAD-K legislation as well as advocates in California on causes benefiting the Deaf community, including telecommunications rights, civil rights, and language rights (ASL access) for Deaf children.

Have LEAD-K meeting on November 5, 2018 and we will discuss about Louisiana LEAD-K Language Milestones as we will more likely to use the California Language Milestones as a framework for Louisiana. We will study more and provide specific the development for the milestones. You can access the California Milestones document:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ss/dh/sb210langmilestones.asp>

I just learned that New Jersey passed the 2 bills for Bill of Deaf Rights and LEAD-K. Once they passed the LEAD-K Bill and it will be 8th state to passed the bill.

September 27, 2018 Attended Eat, Drink, & Sign at Driftwood Cask and Barrel.

September 29, 2018 Attended Ben Behan's Live Event. His performance was amazing and very interesting story.

October 12-13, 2018 Attended Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Conference. Conference was very informative. Catering for lunch and the banquet was provided by Deaf chefs Fallon Frederick and Jay Isch, assisted by waiters: Melisa Deese, Frani Crotty, Shannah Arceneaux, Elizabeth Trahan, and Lisa Combs.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Alla Tarasyuk.

September 20, 2018 - Participated in the LRID Board meeting via video phone regarding plans for the LRID Conference for October 2018.

October 11-13, 2018 - Attended the LRID Conference in Lafayette, LA. Discussed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LRID and LAD mentioned at the LRID conference. LRID want to continue to collaborate with LAD. The MOU will be posted on LRID website.

October 19, 2018 - Attended LAD board meeting regarding July 28 minutes, however we were talking about April 7th and July 28th of 2018 minutes. Since the board approved the April 7 minutes be recorded I was absent. Therefore, I am recording on my report **I was NOT ABSENT on April 7, 2018** because I participated in the April 7th Board meeting via FaceTime as approved at the 2015 Conference.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jimmy Challis Gore.

August 3, 2018 and September 12, 2018 Attended EHDI Advisory Council meeting.

September 17, 2018 Attended LEAD-K meeting at LSD.

September 26, 2018 Attended Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP).

September 27, 2018 Attended Eat, Drink, & Sign at Driftwood Cask and Barrel.

September 29, 2018 Attended Ben Behan's Live Event.

October 4, 2018 EHDI discussed about brochure.

October 12-13, 2018 Attended LRID Conference at LAAD.

October 16-17, 2018 Attended BESE meeting at LDOE.

Suggested LAD Website needs updated as soon as possible.

Two new members join LAD.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Houston Moss.

OPERATING FUND:

Membership Dues: \$100.00

Donations made:

\$500.00 – LSDAA

\$1,600.00 to Deaf Focus for Ben Bahan

Donations received:

\$340.00 - Network for Good

JR. NAD Funds:

\$2,500.00 as of September 2018

BINGO FUNDS:

3rd Quarter report (July-September 2018)

Gross Profit = \$177,262.03

Disbursements = \$162,024.38

Net Income = \$15,237.65

INVESTMENT FUNDS: \$217,791.64 as of September 2018

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Balances as of: June 2018 - \$386,890.22

July 2018 - \$401,098.04

Aug. 2018 - \$411,201.43

Sept. 2018 - \$417,449.85

Audited by: Larry Robillard and Kevin O'Donnell

TAXES:

Exempt Org. Business Income taxes paid in the amount of \$21,340.00

Corp. Taxes paid in the amount of \$2,900.00

Employers Federal Taxes paid in the amount of \$1,952.95

Employers State Taxes paid in the amount of \$541.00

LA. Unemployment taxes paid in the amount of \$479.75

TOTAL Taxes PAID: \$27,213.70 as of October 2, 2018

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: Wanda Miller – no report

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: Lacey Richard – no report

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: Pauline Wood – no report

REPORT OF LAD Designate to LCD Commissioner Wood – has not submitted report as of today.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

BYLAW COMMITTEE: Alla Tarasyuk, chair.

Submitted to the Board for approval the following names for the Law Committee: Associate members Shirley Delahoussaye and Kenny David and LAD Board Members Jimmy Gore and Wanda Miller. (FAILED)

BINGO MANGER: Karen Deville. Absent. No report.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Houston Moss, chair. See Treasurer's Report

WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE: Houston Moss, chair. No report.

2019 LAD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: Lisa Combs, chair. Is absent but Cindy took her place to inform you all that we will send out the LAD Conference flyer with information on hotel rates. Code to reserve the hotel is LAD on Homewood Suites only. Garden Hilton's rate will be at the best rate up and down.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pauline Wood (Alla Tarasyuk) moved that LAD reimburse President Cindy Robillard's transportation mileage for three LEAD-K meetings. (CARRIED)

Pauline Wood (Houston Moss) moved to pay Cindy Robillard up to \$75.00 for refreshments on November 10th workshop. (CARRIED)

Jimmy Challis Gore (Alla Tarasyuk) moved to authorized Treasurer Moss to share the password with the President. (FAILED)

Jimmy Challis Gore (Houston Moss) moved to replace LAD signs. Alla Tarasyuk referred it to Ways and Means Committee. (CARRIED)

Pauline Wood (Lacey Richard) moved to donate \$1,000 to help sponsor Deaf Education Alliance (DEA) Summit Feb. 2-3, 2019. Alla Tarasyuk (Jimmy Challis Gore) amended donate \$5,000 to sponsor five (5) low income families to participate DEA and including two LAD Representatives: Cindy Robillard and Wanda Miller.. (CARRIED)

Pauline Wood (Houston Moss) moved to have a close session about vote of no confidence.
Pauline proposed to postpone to November 2, 2018 at LAD Home office at 5:00 p.m.
(CARRIED)

GOOD OF ORDER: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jimmy Challs Gore, Secretary