



Quarterly Board Meeting

Meeting Date: August 14, 2021 ~ Location of Meeting: Live stream

Call to Order: 9:01am

Invocation: Sherry Crosby

Pledge of Allegiance: Jimmy Gore

Roll Call: Jimmy Gore, Sherry Crosby, Jay Isch, Katrina Williams, Thelma Covello, and Floyd Perrodin

AGENDA

1. **Good of the Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda** Floyd Perrodin (Sherry Crosby) moves to accept.
3. **Reading & Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1. **3/13/2021 Quarterly Meeting** Accepted without revisions.
 - 3.2. **7/14/2021 Board Meeting** Accepted without revisions.
4. **Officers' Report**
 - 4.1. **President** - President Gore appoints Katrina Williams as the next Treasurer. He adds that the Bookkeeper has been doing a great job and our current financial standing is good. Additionally, he reports that OCG has not completed the audit of LAD's charitable gaming operations, he wishes to see our Bingo operations to be back up and running. Lastly, he commends Floyd for coordinating the Spotlight Committee, and congratulates Ms. Cammy Gaspar for her exceptional community service in producing and providing masks for her local community and the deaf community in Honduras.
 - 4.2. **Vice President** - First, Vice President Crosby shares the quarterly necrology report which includes 8 deaths within the deaf community. She reports that the Book Drive has been a smashing success and she is excited about starting the Christmas Toy Drive and she asks for donations. Lastly, she thanks the bookkeeper for being very helpful and organized.
 - 4.3. **Secretary** - Website has been updated with minutes as far back as 1953. Additionally, 13 email addresses are bouncing back. If you aren't getting emails from LAD, please contact me at JayLAD1908@gmail.com to confirm your email.

- 4.4. Treasurer** - President Gore and Vice President Crosby thanks outgoing Treasurer, Jerrod Wingate, for his service as Treasurer. Additionally, she reports that LAD still has 20 payroll checks totaling \$7,872.12 and the Louisiana Department of Treasury has advised us to hold onto them until the end of 2021.

Finances as of 8/14/2021

Operating Fund: \$40,663.82

LSD's Early childhood Learning Center: \$25,000

Book Drive \$185.00

Savings Acct: \$65,631.01

Youth Fund - \$847.14

Jr NAD Fund: \$78.53

Toy Drive: \$864.84

Office Renovations Fund: \$20,000.00

Emergency Disaster Fund: \$8,409.67

2023 Conference budget: \$30,000.00

Savings: \$5,430.83

Bingo Acct: \$72,049.34

Investments: \$302,717.78

TOTAL: \$481,061.95 (-\$7,358.36 since 7/14/2021)

4.5. Members-at-Large

Thelma Covello: Thelma reports that she has been working with the Senior Citizens Committee (9 members) on Guidelines for LAD membership for Seniors. She wants to see more workshops on Wills, Taxes, Mortgages, Life Insurance, preventing fraud and scams, etc.

Floyd Perrodin: .Floyd thanks Jimmy, Sherry, Katrina and Ari for their participation in the Spotlight Committee and congratulates Cammy Gaspar. He looks forward to spotlighting another individual deserving of this recognition. Lastly, he mentions the NOBDA 25th Anniversary Gala on September 24-25 at LAAD in Lafayette, and he is excited about the guest speakers, Tim Albert and Neisha Sheppard.

Katrina Williams: .Thanks the Board for the honor and opportunity to serve as the next Treasurer.

5. Standing Committees' Report

- 5.1. **Charitable Gaming Committee** - LAD is still being audited, no new report.
- 5.2. **Ways & Means Committee** - No report.
- 5.3. **Investments Committee** - Sold AT&T stock and purchased Qualcomm based on Stockbroker's recommendation **(6/16/2021)**
- 5.4. **Auditing Committee** - No report.
- 5.5. **Bylaw Committee** - Tremendous amount of progress has been done with the proposed revisions to bylaws. We've been working with the committee and Mark Apodaca, the PRP (Professional Registered Parliamentarian.) We are currently working on a Policies & Procedures Manual (PPM) as a guidance to the Bylaws and the operations of our organization as a whole.
- 5.6. **2021 LAD Conference Committee** - Conference has been postponed to 2023 due to health concerns related to COVID-19 per the Board. History shows that LAD has postponed the Conference only twice in the past. The first time was in 1919 due to the Spanish Flu, and the second time was during World War II. Additionally, we debated about a virtual conference, however, the Parliamentarian warned the Board that LAD cannot exclude ANY of the members if they had no access.
- 5.7. **Youth Committee** - President reports that it has not been active due to COVID-19.
- 5.8. **Social Events Committee** - No report due to COVID-19.
- 5.9. **Website Committee** - Minutes from 1953 through 2017 have been uploaded on the website and digital copies of all minutes have been made for archival purposes. Minutes before 1953 is a work in progress. Many thanks to Jad Gore for willing to take on this monumental project for LAD.
- 5.10. **Community Spotlight Committee** - Cammy Gaspar received an award for her contribution to the community by distributing masks.

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1. **Internal Audit** - Sherry Crosby (Floyd Perrodin) moves to defer this discussion until after our legal situation comes to a close.
Board Approves. **(Approved 1/8/2020)**
- 6.2. **Office Renovations** - Three designs received (phase one). Meeting with Architect planned for September 8th to go over designs.
- 6.3. **LAD Golf Tournament** - Tentatively set for Spring of 2022 due to health concerns **(3/13/2021)**
- 6.4. **LAD Promotional Banners** - Pending Committee for mission and vision

- 6.6. **Contract with Attorney** Defer to next Board meeting pending more information. (7/14/2021) Sherry Crosby (Jay Isch) moves to renew retainer contract with attorney \$130/month.
Board approves. (8/14/2021)
- 6.7. **Contract renewal with Webmaster** Defer to next Board meeting pending more information. (7/14/2021)

7. New Business

- 7.1. **Board approval for VP & Secretary's mileage reimbursement**
Thelma Covello (Katrina Williams) moves to approve.
Board approves.
- 7.2. **Board approval for President's appointment of new Treasurer**
Board approves.
- 7.3. **Withdrawal from Investments to Operating Fund**
Referred to Investments Committee

8. Announcements

- 8.1. **Next Quarterly Board Meeting will be on October 16, 2021.**
- 8.2. **LAAD's 50th Anniversary Gala will be on December 11th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Lafayette. This will be a black-tie affair and the event starts at 6 pm. John Maucere performing and Nico DiMarco will be deejaying. This event is free to LAAD members and \$50 for non-members**
- 8.3. **Secretary thanks Walker Estes and Ari Latino for dedicating their time in producing posts with Public Information in ASL.**
- 8.4. **The Vice President asks those who are interested to work with the Christmas Toy Drive, Book Drive and any other committees to contact her at SherryLAD1908@gmail.com. Additionally, she asks for nominations for those who deserve to be recognized by LAD's Spotlight Committee.**

Oath administered to Katrina Williams as the new Interim Treasurer

9. Adjournment

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:52am

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jay Isch', written in a cursive style.

Jay Isch, *Secretary*