Board Meeting

Meeting Date: September 22, 2021 **Location of Meeting:** Zoom

Officers Present: **Jimmy Gore, Sherry Crosby, Jay Isch, Katrina Williams, Thelma Covello, Floyd Perrodin, and Nigel Burkhalter**

Meeting called to order: **7:12pm**

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Agenda** Sherry Crosby (Katrina Williams) moves to accept.

2. **Reading & Approval of Minutes**

   2.1. **8/25/21 Board Meeting** Approved without revisions.

3. **President's Report**

   3.1. President welcomes Nigel Burkhalter to his first Board Meeting and adds that he appreciates the Board's response to the crisis surrounding Hurricane Ida and supporting the Deaf Community. Board training with Lynsay Darnall Jr was canceled on September 8th and hopefully will be rescheduled for next week.

   3.2. Ongoing audit by OCG: President reports that he has been working to produce additional documentation for the audit being conducted by the Office of Charitable Gaming and he reports that the work involved is extensive. Emphasizing saving receipts for all purchases and invoices.

4. **Vice President's Report**

   4.1 Vice President reports that we haven't had a Bylaw Committee meeting in a month due to distractions with other events. LAD will go to Metairie at Clearview City Center to assist with more survivors of Hurricane Ida. FEMA, LCD, ZVRS/Purple will be on site to provide assistance. WalkOn's will help with lunch again.

5. Treasurer's Report **As of 9/22/2021**

Operating Fund: $51,623.38
LSD's Early childhood Learning Center: $25,000
Toy Drive: $864.84
Available funds: $25,758.54

Savings Acct: $57,631.57
Youth Fund - $847.14
Book Drive $185.00
Jr NAD Fund: $78.53
Office Renovations Fund: $16,500.00
Emergency Disaster Fund: $409.67
2023 Conference budget: $30,000
Undesignated Funds: $9,611.23

Bingo Acct: $72,049.34

Investments: $302,095.38

TOTAL: $483,399.67 (+$477.03 since 8/25/2021)

5.1 Treasurer reports that she received donations ($2,300+)in the mail for our Hurricane Relief Fund including the $10,000 check from Sorenson. Additionally, she uncovered some checks for membership renewal which was overlooked and never cashed.

6. Unfinished Business

5.1. **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)**

5.2. **Office Renovations -** Three designs received (phase one). Meeting with Architect planned for September 8th to go over designs.

5.3. **LAD Golf Tournament -** Tentatively set for Spring of 2022 due to health concerns **(3/13/2021)**

5.4. **LAD Promotional Banners -** Pending Committee for mission and vision

5.5. **Town Hall in person or on Zoom for Q&A for members only.** Jay Isch (Jerrod Wingate) moves to go forward with a Town Hall. Sherry Crosby (Floyd) tabled until we consult with our attorney. **(11/18/2020)**

5.6. **Contract renewal with LAD Webmaster** Secretary met with the Webmaster and Discussed a $75/monthly maintenance fee for the LAD website. Any requests for add-ons onto the website will be charged on a separate basis. Pending Board approval **(9/22/2021)** Jay Isch (Sherry Crosby) moves to approve this arrangement on a month to month basis. Board approves. **(9/22/21)**

5.7. **Withdrawal from Investments to Operating Fund** Tabled from 8/14/2021 Quarterly Meeting **Referred to Investments Committee (8/25/2021)**

7. New Business

7.1. **Board approval for previous written consent to transfer $8,000 from Savings account to Operating Fund ($8,000 from Emergency Disaster Fund) and withdraw $7,000 from Operating for a total of $15,000 for fifty $300 gift cards for Hurricane survivors.**
Sherry Crosby (Nigel Burkhalter) moves to ratify.
Board approves.

7.2. **Mileage reimbursement for trip to Houma, LA for Hurricane Relief on September 17, 2021** Motion failed

7.3. **Transfer of Funds for expenses related to Hurricane Relief Fund**
Jay Isch (Thelma Covello) moves to borrow $20,000 from the Conference budget in the Savings account and $10,000 from the Operating Fund to pay for additional gift cards to meet the need.
Board approves.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9pm
Next Meeting: TBA

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Isch, *Secretary*