



Quarterly Board Meeting

Meeting Date: **November 13, 2021** ~ Location of Meeting: **Live stream**

Call to Order: **9:02am**

Invocation: **Katrina Williams**

Pledge of Allegiance: **Sherry Crosby**

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

AGENDA

1. **Good of the Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda** Thelma Covello (Floyd Perrodin) moves to accept.
3. **Reading & Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1. **8/14/2021 Quarterly Meeting** Accepted without revisions.
 - 3.2. **11/10/2021 Board Meeting** Accepted without revisions.
4. **Officers' Report**
 - 4.1. **President** - President reports that LAD is subsuming Deaf Focus and taking over Business operations effective on December 1, 2021. Jay Isch will resign from the Board and take over as the Director. Thanks Paula and Mel for their service to our community. Additionally, he reports that he just returned from Massachusetts after visiting his mother who recently died.
 - 4.2. **Vice President** - Shares the Necrology report. Secondly, she shares that LAD has provided immediate relief for the Deaf community who has been severely impacted by Hurricane Ida. Thanks to Brandi Bordelon for her coordination of information sharing and data collecting in FB group; "Louisiana DDBHH Disaster Network". We set up two locations with FEMA to provide access to the application process in Houma and Metairie including assistance from ZVRS/Purple, Louisiana Commission of the Deaf, Walk On's Restaurant, many thanks for their support. We provided \$45,000 in assistance for 150 people. Christmas Toy Drive is back and we are raising funds and information on families that need assistance via request form. Lastly, she is excited about the acquisition of Deaf Focus and looks forward to the progress with the business.

- 4.3. **Secretary** - Jay reports that he will resign from the Board effective November 30, 2021 and assume the role of Director of Deaf Focus on the next day. Additionally, he reports that there are 20 emails in total that are still bouncing back, and if you have not received any emails from us, please contact us!
- 4.4. **Treasurer** - We are up over \$18,000 total since our last Quarterly meeting. She is excited to work with Deaf Focus and its business operations, it will be a good learning experience. Additionally, LAD experienced an attempted Fraud with our checking account, and someone cashed a \$1,700 fraudulent check. Fortunately, we caught it and we were able to get this money back and we were forced to close the account and open a new one.

Finances as of 11/12/2021

Operating Fund: \$55,383.41

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

Toy Drive: \$864.84

Available funds: \$29,518.57

Savings Acct: \$28,021.23

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: \$10,000

Bingo Acct: \$72,049.34

Investments: \$344,133.37

TOTAL: \$499,587.35 (+\$18,525.40 since 8/14/2021)

4.5. Members-at-Large

Thelma Covello: Thelma reports that she is excited about the Deaf Focus takeover. She has been working with other Senior Citizens to try and plan social and workshops but it has been difficult with the pandemic. Hope this will change soon.

Floyd Perrodin: Floyd reports he has been enjoying working with the Board on several projects including the Hurricane Ida Relief efforts. Additionally, he has been chairing the Community Spotlight committee and encourages that people should send in nominations for anyone who is worthy of a recognition for their work benefiting our community.

Nigel Burkhalter: Nigel reports that he is excited to be on the Board. He has been working on the audit with the Office of Charitable Gaming, putting together all the needed documentation.

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 Qualcomm and purchased Lithium Battery Technologies (LIT) based on Stockbroker's recommendation **(11/13/2021)**
- 5.4. **Auditing Committee** - No report.
- 5.5. **Bylaw Committee** - We had some delay in our work due to power outage by Hurricane Ida. 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. We've been working with the committee and Mark Apodaca, the PRP (Professional Registered Parliamentarian.) **(11/13/2021)**
- 5.6. **2023 LAD Conference Committee** - Conference has been postponed to 2023 due to health concerns related to COVID-19 per the Board. **(8/14/2021)**
- 5.7. **Youth Committee** - No report due to COVID-19.
- 5.8. **Social Events Committee** - No report due to COVID-19.
- 5.9. **Website Committee** - Minutes are being uploaded as we go. **(11/13/2021)**
- 5.10. **Community Spotlight Committee** - Cammy Gaspar received an award the last time. We are currently looking to get nominations from the community for who is worthy of a spotlight. **(11/13/2021)**

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** - The Board is scheduled to meet with Architects on November 19 to go over the specifics of the draft designs. **(11/13/2021)**
- 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

7. New Business

- 7.1. **New LAD Polo Shirts**
Sherry Crosby (Jay Isch) moves to purchase the 2nd option polo shirt for the Board, 1 each, if a Board member wants a 2nd one, they will pay themselves. Board approves.

8. Announcements

- 8.1. Next Quarterly Board Meeting will be on February 19, 2022 at 10 am.
- 8.2. LAAD 50th Gala on December 11th, John Maucere performing, Nico DiMarco DeeJaying, admission is \$50 (Free for LAAD members), includes first drink, buffet, dance/social - check LAAD FB for more info.
- 8.3. AAD's Christmas Party on December 18 at 10 am.
- 8.4. GNOAD's General Meeting/Election on November 20 at Old Metairie Library, 9am - 12pm
- 8.5. COSD Board meeting/Election on November 20 at 3 pm at Parrains Restaurant. NOBDA had their first in-person meeting last week at Lighthouse Louisiana in New Orleans. Meet Candidates on December 14 virtually. Election via email on December 15-21. Next meeting on January 22 at Lighthouse Louisiana.

9. Adjournment

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:59 am

Respectfully Submitted,



Jay Isch, *Secretary*