Board Meeting

Meeting Date: August 6, 2025 Location of Meeting: ZOOM
Officers Present: Jerrod Wingate, Cammy Gaspar, Ben Wimberly, Katrina Williams, Megan Montet, Jay Isch
Absent: Sherry Crosby (excused) and Rosalyn Watson (excused)
Meeting called to the order: 6:35PM

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda
   1.1. Cammy Gaspar (Katrina Williams) moves to approve the agenda. **The motion is PASSED.**
2. Reading & Approval of Minute(s)
   2.1. **07/19/2025 Quarterly Meeting:** Katrina Williams(Megan Montet) moves to defer the minutes to the next board meeting. **The motion is PASSED.**
   2.2. **07/23/2025 Special Meeting:** Cammy Gaspar (Megan Montet)moves to approve the minute corrections. **The motion is PASSED.**
3. President's Report
   3.1. **President Crosby** No report - Absent.
4. Vice President's Report
   4.1. **Vice President Wingate** reports he's been working on the slides for the Diabetes workshop. Went to Lafayette Parish Sheriff's office to discuss more resources that can be provided to them by Deaf Focus.
5. Secretary's Report
   5.1. **Secretary Gaspar** reports that she had to make edits to several member's contact information on LAD's email list to better ensure that LAD's members will receive updates.

6. Treasurer's Report

<u>As of today 8/6/2025</u>
Operating fund: $69,759.60
Savings Account: $16,516.41

Youth Fund: $5,615.11
Apparel Fund: $1,082.02
Book Drive: $1,706.38
Toy Drive: $2,204.69
Professional Development Fund: $1,403.02
Emergency Disaster Fund: $2,471.93
H.J. Soland Jr. Scholarship Fund: $2,023.61
Interest Gains:

<u>Investments</u>: $238,845.90
TOTAL: $325,121.91

6.1. **Treasurer Wimberly** Unfortunately, we started our Fiscal year at a negative -$43,577.83 due to our conference. Interpreting Services is our primary revenue. Ben is getting his footing on all that is needed for LAD dba Deaf Focus' finances with the bookkeeper. He is building a good rapport with the bookkeeper to stay on top of everything.

7. Member at Large's Report

7.1. **Member-At-Large Willliams** reports Senior Citizen's update. We went to the location of the workshop and hit a barrier so we had to change the location of the workshop.

7.2. **Member-At-Large Montet** NO REPORT

7.3. **Member-At-Large Watson** ABSENT

8. Executive Director's Report

8.1 Executive Director Isch reports he has a new contract with LSU to provide interpreting services. No update on the state grants. LDH reports that the approval process is increased from 6 months to 9 months for funding approvals. Funds from the Investments are finally in the appropriate accounts. Due to my medical leave I finally caught up with all the invoices last week. There have been some changes made with the board retreat plans but we remain under budget.

9. Committee's Reports

9.1 Auditing: Treasurer will contact the bookkeeper to get the updates. **(08/06/2025)**

9.2 Governance: Met with the Parliamentarian and made the appropriate changes to the new bylaws per members approval at the recent Bylaws meeting. **(8/06/2025)**

9.3 Finance: Will meet on August 22nd **(8/06/2025)**

9.4 Youth: No update **(7/19/2025)**

9.5 Senior Citizen: Refer to 7.1 **(08/06/2025)**

9.6 Investments: Funds from recent sale of stock have been allocated as approved by the Board **(8/6/2025)**

9.7 Community Spotlight: Committee is still waiting on the final edit of the interview. **(8/06/2025)**

9.8 2027 Biennial Conference: Start discussing location for 2027 Conference. **(8/6/2025)**

9.9 Annual Book Drive: We have released our new Book Drive flyer! Will do research on costs for Kindles. **(7/19/2025)**

9.10 Annual Holiday Cards: Rosalyn will take over and find students in October 2025, she will also reach out with LSD Outreach Dept. **(07/16/2025)**

9.11 Annual Christmas Toy Drive: Will start collecting items in October. **(7/19/2025)**

10. Old Business

10.1 ED Life Insurance: Executive Director reports that he met with a Financial Advisor, Lesley Harleaux, from Elite Financial Group and discussed the options. **Deferred to the next meeting. (08/06/2025)**

10.2 Property for Group Home: Deferred to the next meeting. (8/06/2025)

11. New Business

11.1. Board approval for Commercial Appraiser's fee

Cammy Gaspar (Katrina Williams) moves to approve the appraiser fee ($1,500) for assessing LAAD's property. **The motion is PASSED.**

11.2. Co-Chairs for 2027 Conference

Ben Wimberly (Katrina Williams) Board approves Jerrod Wingate & Sadie Wingate as Co-Chairs for 2027 Conference. **The motion is PASSED.**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:51PM.
Next meeting will be on August 27 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cammy Gaspar
Interim Secretary