

**Louisiana Association of the Deaf
April 15, 2017
East Bank Regional Library
4747 W. Napoleon Ave
Metairie, Louisiana 70001**

President Houston Moss called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**Roll Call: President Houston Moss, Vice President Cindy Robillard, Sec'y Lisa Combs, Treasurer Kenny Davis, Members at Large: Wanda Miller, Lacey Richard
Absence: Edward Marquez and Alla Tarasyuk**

Members 19 and 0 visitors were present at the LAD regular board meeting.

Silent Prayer for Curtis Ford, Jr., Velma Savoy LeBlanc, Nathan Hester, Wayne Broussard, Marlene Hanks, Lacey Loupe and Joseph Marcel.

Sherry Crosby led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

Wanda Miller moved a motion to change correction on her report to continue working on program book.

Ken Davis moved to accept the minutes with correction. Carried

President Houston Moss' Report:

1/27-28/2017

Attended the Deaf Education alliance summit 2017 in New Orleans, LA

- **Keynote - Rachel coleman: Early Childhood Bilingualism with Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students & Impact on Student Outcomes**
- **Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Disability Affiars - Bambi Polotzola**
- **Mock IEP - Angela Trahan**
- **Keynote - Paula Rodriquez**
- **Total of 11 Breakout Sessions**

1/28/2017

- **Attended the Mason Dixon Tournament at Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD)**

1/31/2017

- **LA - Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EHDI). Didn't attend due none of the interpreters were available**

2/17/2017

- **Attended the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf (LCD) meeting**

2/18/2017

- **LAD hosted a workshop, "Estate Will Plan" in Baton Rouge, Louisiana**
- **Attended the Ways & Means committee meeting as Ex-officio**

3/5/2017

- **Attended the By-Law committee meeting as Ex-officio**

3/21/2017 - National Association for the Deaf (NAD) Region 3 meeting via video

- **6th NAD Leadership Training Conference (NLTC) October 5-7, 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**
- **54th Biennial NAD Conference July 3-8, in Hartford, Connecticut**

4/1/2017

- **Attended the 5K Dash for LSD Kids**

4/11/2017

- **Attended the State Capitol as 2017 Legislative Session began on 4/10/2017. Dept. of Revenue, Recreation Parks and LSDVI as one of the Special Schools budgets were discussed.**
- **Senate Bill 226 got postponed. SB 2236 included a proposal to cut LCD's funding entirely. Letter from LAD was sent to Senator Sharon Hewitt who sponsored the bill opposing it.**

Membership dues to be paid by March 31, 2017 have expired.

At the 2015 conference, the members passed a motion for membership dues to be paid by March 31st every odd year to get anyone interested in becoming a member to pay on time. Since there's a problem with this on what to do with anyone who pays after 3/31. As a temporary fix, the board passed a motion to charge a late fee of \$5.00 to those who pay from April 1st to the last day of the conference. The regular rates will resume on June 18, 2017. The motion that was passed in 2015 will need to be revisited at the conference coming up in June 2017.

Vice President Cindy Robillard's Report

- **By Law Committee on March 5, 2017**

Secretary Lisa Combs' Report

- **Attended By Law Committee on March 5, 2017 at LAD office**

Treasurer Kenny Davis' Report

- **Past 2 months of financial reports are available for viewing (January & February 2017)**
- **January - Total Balance \$385,261.54**
- **February - Total Balance \$392,315.83**

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- **Contributions:**
 - **Louisiana School for the Deaf Foundation \$1,000.00**
 - **DASH FOR KIDS**
 - **Amelia Mano \$ 500.00**
- **Professional Fees:**
 - **Phelps Dunbar LLP \$ 279.50**
 - **Taylor, Porter and Brooks LLP \$2,929.50**
- **Meals:**
 - **LAD Workshop \$2,243.82**

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- **Professional Fee:**
 - **Parliamentarian - Special Meeting \$1,500.00**

INFORMATION:

- **Merrill Lynch Investment - Growth is slow**
- **Youth Leadership Camp (YLP) - Sends three (3) students from Louisiana School for the Deaf**
- **Tax Filings: Form 990 and Form 990T**

Member at Large Wanda Miller's Report:

- **Completed the pictures of group from 1908 in history book..**
- **Still continue working on program book.**

Member at Large Lacey Richard's Report:

- **Canceled Open House on April 29th**

Bingo Pauline Wood's Report:

- **One of the Organization Hold, working Bingo several Sessions which Money is good. January & February were very good but now so far bingo is very slow.**

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LCD Pauline Wood's Report

- **Attended LCD meeting to discuss about Job Description. Hopefully we will know by July 2017.**

New Business:

- 1. Cindy Robillard (Lacey Richard) moved to donate \$1,000.00 to UL-filming about Deaf/Blind Cajuns with Acadian Usher Syndrome. Carried**
- 2. Lisa Combs (Cindy Robillard) moved to donate \$500.00 to Helen Keller Deaf Blind Awareness to covered foods. Carried**
- 3. Lacey Richard (Lisa Combs) moved to donate \$1,000.00 to Louisiana Acadiana Deaf-Blind Citizens to go Arkansas for Camp on October 19-22, 2017. Carried**
- 4. Kenny Davis (Cindy Robillard) moved to hire electric company to improve lighting in the conference room. Carried**
- 5. Kenny Davis (Wanda Miller) moved to donate to SWDGA Fundraising for LAD Youth Fund: % to have a lunch appreciation on the last day of SWDGA Tournament in Plaquemine, Louisiana. Carried**

Adjourned 10:30 a.m.