

LAD
Board Meeting
Best Western Suite, Alexandria
Saturday, February 11, 2012

President Thelma Covello called the first session to order at 9:15am of quarterly Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

Executive Officers: President Thelma Covello, Secretary Michelli H. LeFors, and Treasurer David LeFors.

Members at Large: Cindy Robillard and Daryl Argrave.

Chapter Representatives: Melvin Royer – LAAD, Larry Robillard – AAD, Judith Perrodin - LADBC, and Andrew Veith – LRID.

Absentee: Tanya Brown, Member at Large – Received a letter – January 6, 2012, she resigned from this position.

Members of admission – 50 (fifty)

Approval of minutes – Correct the spell of last name of Darius Potter to PORTER from Member of Large Tanya Brown's Report summary.

Officers Report:

President Report:

LSU Health Sciences Center (HSC) School of Medicine at New Orleans rejected to be liable for an interpreter for deaf student who studied in lab. We communicated them and gave an explanation of necessary fund for an interpreter that they should not decline.

City of Kenner – I went to City of Kenner Court House to witness of Mr. Robley Berzas' petition against his next door and city of police for failed providing an interpreter to communication. I cannot go ahead and do the work with him since it is "a single" complaint between them. Board will keep following up with him.

LABDC – Organization, one of our clients got suspended from LADBC membership with 5 years. We have attempted contact with LABDC President several times. We carefully with judgment, read their bylaws as it stated – "a year" of suspend. They should not suspend the member more than a year. We hope LADBC already solved this matter issue with their members.

Deaf mentor workshop from TRIX BRUCE, at Catholic Deaf Church – I had a good time and learn lot of things as it is great for deaf exposure out there.

SWSAD - I would like to have LAD advertisements on their program book, SouthWest Softball Association of the Deaf. –www.swsad.org

GODA – hear nothing from them as it is very quiet process.

NAD – I would encourage every board, members and visitors to join NAD members. NAD required for our organization have 200 members or over to continuing affiliated with them. We are having two delegates and one alt. for this coming NAD at Kentucky.

Conference of June 2013 – We are starting to recruit the workshops with good benefits to LAD, it will be located at Lafayette but will do vote for upcoming next board meeting. TBA on 2013 conference – there is several events on that month – 12th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Baltimore conference move to third week of June because of NASCAR week; it is not confirmation date, yet. So, we, board will keep this in our mind.

Christmas card – I personally want to say “Thank you” to Michelli H. LeFors, Secretary for sent all Christmas cards to every LAD members as although, you all members still can get more calendar book here, at your request.

The floor – I want to allow three members – Pauline Wood for Vice President Position of explanation, Kenny John Davis about LCD position in agenda and Andrew Veith about Former Executive Director of Ronald Delvisco.

Vice President – Pauline Wood gave some explanation of Vice President and President Position since vice president is currently vacant. I have contacted with Parliamentary and NAD Regional Representative as they said LAD Bylaws description of vacant is not clear, vague. Once President resigned as Vice President can take the position as Acting President till election, however board can vote but not by member. In addition, member can be nominated by Board with good standing membership, although Vice President are also candidate to be president and Vice President must to notification to resigned to challenge election with members for president position. If nominated member win a president position, Vice President can go back to same position with no loss of vote.

LCD – Kenny John Davis want to remind LAD Board continue to involving with ADHOC committee with tech guideline to how make improving to make budget improved as possible because LCD proposal for next summer before 2013 as 2.2 million dollars left in their fund– LCD are still asking for \$500,000 from Senate to allow us have. For legal fund of LAD Treasurer as I want to know if nonprofit take action to get lobbyist – Yvonne Dorsey to do 25¢ from landline and asking for 4¢ from wireless communication to collect to write a bill. Rhonda Barrow, she can be our lobbyist to legislature of state since we can ask for bid of lobbyist instead Yvonne Dorsey. Since Election of Governor are constantly adjusting bill of law. I am asking LAD to make sure there is a legal fund in LAD account – just to prepare ahead and break down to see if LCD can approval and also need it for next 6 months from now. Will let you know what their federal laws will state. We still need a lobbyist for a bill of law.

Vice President – vacant

Secretary's Report:

Nursing home – one of client – Jackie Frank was placed to Nursing home due of her lungs infected from HUD apartment. They have not response to her letters of complaint. I have been working with Nursing home to accurate information to fill them in about high speed internet, videophone accessible. Dave Imme already had her fill the application of CSD Project Endeavor for qualified high speed under their care.

Hurricane – I found old “An Emergency Preparedness Guide for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens” booklet from Deaf Action Center New Orleans. We need to update the booklet to keep everybody including Deaf/ Hard of Hearing with all information as such as FEMA, prepared for hurricane, flood, fire as such as recover and rebuild.

Deaf Focus – Kidz Kamp – I was on committee but was requested myself to resigned from Committee due of burden on this secretary position, mother of four and on board of another associates. If any of you have any junk to discard – please make donation to Deaf Focus as they will have a garage sale to earn money to sponsor Kidz Kamp.

LSD Pageant – I am so thrilled to be judge of LSD Pageant, first time ever. I enjoyed being judge. Many students are fashionable and beautiful. There were winners pageant and prince(ss) but could not mention due of school confidence. I will request their approval to publish in our BSB newsletter.

Laptop & Microsoft Outlook – I would like to request a laptop for Editor/Secretary to improve accessible to website and email. Outlook is for Executive Secretary Kathy and all LAD laptop for email incoming/outgoing emails. We have a trouble to receive since LAD webmail isn't easy to set up with our personal email. It will bring in new business.

Census of Deaf & Hard of Hearing – I just learned there are over 165,000 deaf & hard of hearing alone in this Louisiana. Including the front desk' daughter is hearing loss, she is one of 165,000. In Houston, there are over 50,000 in Harris County.

LRID – I missed it last time due of my husband David LeFors' aunt passed away. I requested LRID president to accepted Thelma Covello to take my seat as LRID/LAD Representative.

Treasurer's Report:

Bingo- We want to let you know that BINGO is in good term – as for Super Bingo on Christmas and New Year – we profited \$20, 000 but only \$5,000 from last year. It is still keep us going.

Stocks – It has been steady but unfortunately we lost \$25,000 as we brought this to Kraemer and Schwarz and went back to Ways and Means Committee as it was very bad timing as came to our determine to have this stock frozen. We decided to choose Stephen Kraemer, apparently the bonds has

growing and increase \$1,000 monthly – checking accounts, stock – no interests. We are looking for saving accounts to have it small amounts to save to help LAD money, if needed. We can withdraw it anytime with no penalize. Even, can hold cash of \$30,000 stock to break down to points where Ways and Means can split it to two different inventors. For instance, apple stock – Stephen said it is ok to buy Apple stocks for \$10,000 for 44 shares. Two weeks, we got \$500 growth on that stock. Ways and Means committees want to make sure to monitoring the stocks from two inventors. Right now for 2012 may be very concerns but 2013 should be good year. For all total of income – November \$362,000, December \$363,000, and January \$379,000 – Thanks to Bingo for the monetary growth.

Ways and Means – Audit has not recall since November till December, January as new format as want to spread sheets for January due of all errors.

Legal Fund-

Members at Larges' Reports:

Daryl Argrave: No Report

Cindy Robillard: No Report

Chapter Representatives' Report:

AAD: No Report

LAAD: Melvin concerned about LAD calendar as EACH members should deserved to get a calendar.

LADBC: No Report

LRID: Andrew wants to share the LRID meetings – two small sessions as fall conference with two days. Recently, we considering having 2013 to join with LAD Conference and social together but will talk with LRID boards to have this deep detail to discussions.

Committee Reports:

Auditing Committee: No Report

Bylaws Committee: No Report

Charitable Gaming Committee: Pauline Wood, Huey Barbin, Delvin Fontenot and Larry LeFors were working at Bingo two weeks ago. But we didn't discuss as committee since it was run by Huey Barbin.

Ways & Means Committee: Louis Cannon, Larry Robillard and Daryl Argrave were discuss about this issues related with Walker Estes' idea as need \$4,000 for LA Survey and website to support to Legislature but little vague information for committees and chairperson as does not know more of details as need to make a contract and contact Deaf Focus. It was mention in new business from November as it was referred to us, Ways & Means.

Old Business:

Deaf Focus proposals

~~State Wide Survey—It was mentioned from last November Board meeting; Deaf Focus proposed State Wide Survey, CDI and Kidz Kamp—it was referred to Ways and Means. Before our acquaintance, Walker Estes has been set the meetings with Deaf Focus staffs to share his ideas; for that intention, he didn't share with us, LAD Board. Boards want to make clear that Deaf Focus doesn't make any salary as it is volunteer basis. Andrew Veith gave his explanation that he is not on Ways and Means regarding to his proposal of Deaf Focus as he knows his position as member, not committee. He was taking the floor to share the three things by Jennie Bourgeois but on her absentee behalf from last November. For consideration to LAD to make contribution to proposition (three proposes)—State Wide Survey—it is for Deaf Focus staffs to merger with LAD, for state general as using staffs of Deaf Focus to speak to battle for our supports, advocacy as doesn't need LAD to start a team. It is for deaf community benefits, efforts to be perceived.~~

~~CDI—Since it was dated on January 20, 2012—considered this is already passing the deadline. It is now out of order for this proposal as it will bring up to LRID to have this in their set of courses to their coming up summer/fall session as it may be cost more to LAD to share the sessions.~~

~~Kidz Kamp—already including this proposal—President Thelma Covello stated that this already referred to Ways and Means.~~

~~Andrew Veith wants to withdraw it all from old business. **WITHDRAW ALL PROPOSALS.**~~

~~Daryl Argrave closed old business, now to New Business.~~

New Business:

Paul Winfree – David LeFors (Andrew Veith) want to re-appeal to reimbursed to Paul Winfree from Magic Tours. Paul has toured, guided and put all of his times to assist Magic Tours entertainers. It was denied from previous Board Meeting. Since Shreveport was lowest admission and Paul willed to continuing put his efforts to giving community from us, LAD. I am only asked \$300 to reimburse to Paul Winfree. **PASSED**

Spring Fling – David LeFors (Cindy Robillard) have a spring fling workshops including Jo Bienvenu – Project Endeavor by CSD and Charles Sterling – Deaf Tax by Schwarz. Project Endeavor is greatly discounts for Deaf Community who has a low income. It would be great to have workshop in Baton Rouge area as all day workshop – Deaf Tax do presents in all the morning then all the afternoon to have Jo Bienvenu do staging awhile Charles have deaf client in private room to do taxes. CSD stated they are more than happy to compensate for meeting room, LCD projector and whatnot. The date of March 24th since Jo Bienvenu is only availability on that date; Charles can do on the same day. We can ask for

sponsor to cover the expenses to using a meeting room. The location is TBA since the date is short notice.

Andrew Veith (Melvin Royer) amended – to add exhibits to be availability with Spring Flings to cover the expenses including sponsors. **PASSED**

SWSAD – Daryl Argrave (Larry Robillard) to have programs in SWSAD by LAD for a full page, \$100. **PASSED**

Microsoft Outlook – David LeFors (Daryl Argrave) want to have Microsoft Outlook to install Kathy’s computer, LAD laptops to use lad1908.org emails. Andrew Veith said to use webmail – it is very complicated since it has codes to accessible for every officers.

Melvin Royer amended to use Office Fund - **REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS**

“Did you know” – LCD- Andrew Veith (Daryl Argrave) share the fact sheets (every board have a copy documents – 3 pages) to open discussion. Deaf Focus are asking for LAD logo to postmark on “Did you know” to dispute with LCD about Technical Guides, advocacy, funds misusing and “what can we do?”. **PASSED**

Laptop – Michelli LeFors (Melvin Royer) need a new laptop since Treasurer and Bingo had a new laptop. Secretary need to have a new laptop for editing website, word perfect and save documents/pictures in a laptop. Old laptop doesn’t have webcam, upgrade and word perfect (I, personal installed have to have it download Microsoft Office). Larry Robillard brings up to ask Pauline Wood as former secretary in their minute in the past – Out of order since it has passed 90 days referred to Robert’s Rule of Order. **PASSED**

Executive Director – Andrew Veith (Cindy Robillard) are asking LAD to investigate as research as May necessity have Executive Director to position of description: run the office, outspoken to every advocacy, can tendency to any response to LAD board and to State. Greatly resources to advocacy deaf community work with different associates/organization and manage by LAD board. Executive Director to investigate to accept it to be recommencing to LAD Board Officers – **PASSED**

NAD – Melvin Royer (David LeFors) need 3 (three) delegates for NAD at Kentucky upcoming July. **REFERRED TO AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING.**

Adjourned at 11:24am.

Announcement –

LAAD-

April 22nd boiled crawfishes, May 3rd Spring Fever Picnic, poker, washer board tournament. We will have a parade prize include grand one. Will adversities on LAAD web soon. ASL Film – Hamill, The Hammer in Fall, \$5 admission by Paul Winfree, Purple Sponsored, contribution to LAAD. First Sunday – May and June will have officers as general meeting.

Kidz Kamp – Andrew Veith would like to share that we will have 2nd annual Kidz Kamp as it will post on Deaf Focus for information. If you have any junk to donate to us, we will come and gather your things at no cost. We will continue our committee meetings monthly as we have many great committees that

work together as team. There will have two different kamps – One on June and October. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michelli H. LeFors, Secretary of LAD: 2011-2013
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