

LAD
Board Meeting
at Embassy Suite Hotel,
Baton Rouge
June 2, 2012
2pm

President Thelma Covello called the meeting to start at 2:00pm.

Roll Calls:

Executive Officers: President Thelma Covello, Vice President – vacant, Secretary Michelli H. LeFors, Treasurer David LeFors. Members at Large – Cindy Robillard, Daryl Argrave & Randall Pippins Sr. Chapter Representatives: Judith Perrodin- LADBC, Melvin Royer- LAAD, Larry Robillard – AAD.

Absentees: Andrew Veith – LRID (unexcused).

Approval of minutes – Need new Report of Treasurer.

Officers Reports:

President's Report:

- Want to have discuss about LAD State Conference – need a title and location.
- VP area number of 866 will be ending in August or November this year.
- Hope you all enjoy your BSB. We will work on this coming third of BSB.
- LAD need improve the landscape. We had been using old landscape and costly.
- LAD Window Blinds has not update as which it already approved last year.
- Please have a minute of silent to honor deaf people who have passed away.
- NAD will be on July 1-8 at Louisville, Kentucky.
- LAD wood sign outside need to be higher post to better vision.
- Following up with GNOAD, NBDA Affiliation.
- LCD Budgets cut, have not gone to attend LCD meetings – it has been cancelled. Will be resume meeting in this coming late summer or fall.

Secretary's Report:

- Fall Workshop of 2012, working on theme and recruiting speakers for workshop that related with health and social security issues.
- Went to Helen Keller Blind and Deaf Awareness at Lighthouse with President Thelma Covello in New Orleans. It was a 4th Louisiana HKDBA Ceremony. There are many amazing blind/deaf employees who are working there. I would like to have my family to tour there in the future. There are nice party of award, banquet and meeting new/old friends.
- Got new laptop as I am using right now. It is under \$900 dollars. It is same brand as Treasurer/Bingo laptops.

- Went to LSD for graduation as which LSD sent invitation to LAD office. Secretary requested LAD Board to agree to give a sponsorship to reimburse or vouch to top of student, Derion Savoie's expense/tuition. Gave a brief presentation to honor him to success.

- Received a letter from Mr. Robley Berzas, he want to congratulated Thelma Covello as president, inspired and expressed his gratitude by have had her in Kenner from long distance to attended the Kenner Louisiana City Council meeting.

- Finalized the arrangement designs for Southwest Softball Association of the Deaf 2012 and have it published in their program book from Louisiana Association of the Deaf.

- Attended to LRID Workshop in Covington, 28 LRID members attended.

- Received a letter from LSD stated that Dr. Nancy Benham is now new Director of Louisiana School for the Deaf.

Treasurer's Report:

- Got 2 letters from Lisa Chase Potter and Ronnie Delvisco concerning that Treasurer David haven't audit reported from last Board Meeting. Treasurer David already replied both of them stated that He apologizes and made new format for New Year of 2012 which takes a while to finish. He promise that it will never happen again in the future. I already have auditors come and approved from November, December and January.

- Transferred \$80,000 from checking account to new saving account (Gulf Coast Bank).

- Paid CPA (L.A. Champagne & Co. LLP) \$1,500 labor for year 2011 on Federal and State Taxes>

- Charles Sterling (Schwarz Financial Co.) gave his presentation to our LAD Board, Ways & Means and Investment Committees on March 23rd. It was very good productive evening.

- Our balance for this month of April is \$371,936.66, signed by Nick Imme and Chad Cormier as Auditors.

Members at Larges' Reports:

Cindy Robillard: None

Daryl Argrave: None

Randall Pippins Sr: None

Chapter Representatives:

Melvin Royer for LAAD: None

Judith Perrodin for LADBC: None

Larry Robillard for AAD: None

Committee Reports:

Auditing Committee:

Chad Cormier informed Treasurer David that he wish to leave as monthly auditor due too long trips. Recommended Treasurer David to find local auditor. Chad is one of good auditor, he will be greatly missed. Treasurer David will announce new auditor in few days.

Bylaws Committee: None

Charitable Gaming Committee: None

Ways & Means Committee:

We had a meeting last April 13th at LAD Office. We had several proposals.

1. Catherine Taylor go to NAD YLC - \$1750.00 – **PASSED**
2. Holly & Glenn Fraychineaud go to Camp Mark – up to \$2,200.00 – **PASSED**
3. LSD DASH for Kids 5k Race Donation - \$1,000.00 – **PASSED**
4. Helen Keller Donation - \$500.00 – **PASSED**
5. Microsoft Outlook for Officers laptop - \$150.00 – **PASSED**

Treasurer David LeFors shared this information to LAD Board via emails and have them vote immediately because timely is not permitting. All Board voted aye on 5 proposals. Treasurer David already paid all of them from Charitable Fund except Microsoft Outlook (Office Supplies).

Louis Cannon resigned as one of Ways and Means Committee on April 16th via an email. Treasurer David will need to look for a replacement soon as possible.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Randall Pippins Sr as Member at Large - Daryl Argrave (Cindy Robillard) appointed Randall Pippins Sr to be as Member At Large. Board accepted and had him sworn to be member at large. Randall Pippins Sr gave his brief expresses. **CARRIED**

Pauline Hazel Wood as Acting Vice President – Cindy Robillard (Daryl Argrave) proposed to appoint her as to be Acting Vice President. Board accepted and had her sworn to be Acting Vice President. Pauline Hazel Wood gave her brief expresses. **CARRIED**

Ceiling Fans – David LeFors (Larry Robillard) proposed to have ceiling fans in every offices and meeting room since air conditioning doesn't sense of balance in every rooms. We would like to have the ceiling fans to connect in to assist the breeze control. **PASSED**

Debit Cards – Randall Pippins Sr (Larry Robillard) to make sure Debit card are appointed to only Treasurer, not to President's possession. President Thelma Covello have not had any debit card since Walker Estes damaged the previous. We have not create the new debit card ever since. Proposed is to have Treasurer David LeFors to have ONE DEBIT CARD to possession. **CARRIED**

Ways and Means – David LeFors (Larry Robillard) proposed to have Houston Moss, Cleve Cormier, Larry Robillard and Daryl Argrave to be on Ways and Means Committee. **PASSED.**

Executive Session was called by President Thelma Covello.

Next Board Meeting will be announcement via email/website.

Adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Announcements:

AAD will have a Chicot picnic on July 21st.

LAAD will have an ASL Film – Hard Man, September 8, 2012- 7pm, \$11 admission.

DTO will have Classic Bowling at Circle Bowl Center on August 4th. 10 am to 5pm.

CDC, Catholic Deaf Center will be have final of Deaf Picnic on August 5th.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Revised and approved: August 12, 2012