

Louisiana Association of the Deaf
LAD Board Meeting
6 March 2016
Catholic Deaf Center
418 Iris St.
Lake Charles, LA 70601

President Houston Moss called the meeting to order at 10:04 am

Roll Call: President Houston Moss, Vice President Cindy Robillard, 2nd Vice President Alla Tarasyuk, Secretary Dustin Cutrer, Treasurer Kenny Davis, Member-At-Large – Wanda Miller, Lisa Combs

Excused Absent- Member-At-Large – Lacey Richard

18 members, and 20 visitors were present at the LAD regular board meeting.

Larry Lebert led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America

President's Report:

Cindy Robillard (Wanda Miller) accepted the December 12, 2015 minutes as read with no corrections.
CARRIED

President Houston Moss' Report:

- December 14, 2015 – Participated in NAD Region 3 meeting on webcam
- January 1, 2016 – LAD Super Bingo, volunteered, Bingo did well
- January 4, 2016 – Sent articles from LAD to NAD for NADmag (available to NAD members) regarding "Know Your Rights and Empowerment Training"
- January 9, 2016 – Attended Deaf Grassroots Movement (DGM) Workshop in Mandeville, LA, where 65 people attended.
- January 21, 2016 – Attended the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EDHI) meeting in New Orleans
- January 22-24, 2016 – Einsberg & Baum Law Center came to three cities in Louisiana and gave workshops, New Orleans (Jan 22), Baton Rouge (Jan 23), and Lafayette (Jan 24)
- February 8, 2016 – LAD endorsed DGM of Louisiana to join with the movement to work together to raise the living standards of the DDBHH community.
- February 14, 2016 – Unable to attend the LaCan Rally due to conflict with LSDAA meeting. LAD Member, Jimmy Gore attended instead.
- February 16, 2016 – Participated in NAD Region 3 meeting on webcam.
- February 21 & 23, 2016 – Attended Legislation Session at the State Capitol. There were 4 bills about removing the monies from the Telecommunication Fund. LAD Members, Jimmy Gore and Jay Isch attended along with John Veazey (Louisiana's own Deaf attorney), Very disappointed that no interpreters showed up the first two days. HB100 with amendment to eliminate the repeal of the Telecommunications Fund for the Deaf passed. It was sent to the Senate to vote.
- February 23, 2016, Sent letter to all House Representatives on behalf of LAD asking to support the amendment.
- February 27, 2016, Attended DGM workshop in Shreveport, Approximately 75 attended.

- March 3, 2016, Sent a letter to Senate Representatives concerning SB 26 (State Bill), proposing to abolish the Telecommunications Fund for the Deaf.

Vice President Cindy Robillard Report:

- January 30, 2016, held bylaws meeting at LAD office with several members.
- Will have another meeting, pending on current legal issues.

2nd Vice president Alla Tarasyuk report:

- January 9, 2016, Attended GNOAD meeting to promote for the Einsberg workshop
- January 23, 24, 2016 – Attended “Know your rights and empowerment”
- January 30, 2016 – Attended Bylaws meeting
- Been working with Lafayette High School to establish Metro JRNAD.

Secretary Dustin Cutrer’s report:

- 4 proposals were passed through email
- Increased from \$100 to \$200 for Super Bingo interpreters
- Approved \$250 to LRID for workshop
- Approved \$250 to COSD for sponsors
- Approved LAD’s endorse to DGM

Treasurer John Davis’ Report:

- Monthly Auditors – Dale Brazzle, and David Medero
- LAD Ways & Means Committee – Dustin Cutrer, Wanda Miller, Jimmy Gore, and Karen Deville
- Month of November 2015 - \$292,217.73
- Month of December 2015 - \$283,182.72
- Month of January 2016 - \$300,056.44
- Received a call from Louisiana Attorney General for asking some questions regarding soliciting Door to Door using LAD or any organization names
- Treasurer’s Open Book is available by request
- Tax Filing – We will prepare filing form 990 and form 990T for the year of 2016

Member-At-Large Lisa Combs’ report:

- No report

Member-At-Large Wanda Miller’s report:

- Visited LSD and the school director, Dr. Donna Alleman, and was given permission to visit LSD anytime during school hours for archives, or historical information.
- Continue looking for conference pictures from the past.
- Provided an update on Cornerstone Time capsule at the old deaf school on Mayflower, continue to work on recovering the capsule.
- Want to thank Linda Ducotey for donating old pictures from her parents.

Early Hearing Detection & Intervention, Patti Moss’ report:

- EHDI Meeting was in New Orleans on January 21, 2016
- Suzanne Boudreaux working as Parent Pupil Education Program (PPEP) at LSD continues to serve children
- EHDI Meeting provided Advocacy Support Training specific to children with hearing loss.

- EHDI Conference was held in New Orleans on February 22, 2016, a national speaker, audiologists, and other providers attended.
- LA Hands & Voice is having their 3rd annual fundraiser, Rock' n' Bowl in New Orleans today (March 6, 2016)

LRID Advisory Board Rep to LAD, Paul Winfree's report:

- Read the letter from LRID Board to LAD Board, thanking for contribution for LRID workshop.
- Gave report about LRID workshop upcoming on March 12, 2016 in Metairie, LA at the Holiday Inn Magnolia Ballroom on 2261 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, LA 70001

LAAD Advisory Board Representative, Larry Robillard's report:

- April 3, 2016 Boiled crawfish hosted by LAAD/SWSAD 2016
- May 1, 2016 LAAD picnic hosted by LAAD

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Cindy Robillard (Lisa Combs), moved to contribute \$500 to Amelia Manor Scholarship, Alla Tarasyuk (Dustin Cutrer) amended to contribute \$250 to Amelia Manor Scholarship CARRIED main motion CARRIED (\$250)

Alla Tarsyuk (Wanda Miller), moved to contribute \$250 to Kidz Kamp Sponsor from the Youth Fund CARRIED

Houston Moss appointed Pauline Wood to become LAD Rep to LRID CARRIED

Houston Moss appointed Pauline Wood, Alla Tarasyuk, Patti Moss to serve on the Code of Ethics committee CARRIED

John Davis (Wanda Miller) moved to rescind the proposal of the 2017 conference selection being in Shreveport, LA CARRIED

Cindy Robillard (Alla Tarasyuk) moved to relocate the 2017 conference from Shreveport to Baton Rouge. CARRIED

Dustin Cutrer (Alla Tarasyuk) moved to pay \$25.00 for booth for April 3rd, 2016's event at LAAD hosted by SWSAD 2016, to try to attract attendants to become members of LAD

John Davis (Cindy Robillard) moved to contribute \$250 to LSDF Dash for Kids sponsorship CARRIED

Houston Moss appoints Lisa Combs and John Davis to attend the LRID workshop at no cost.

John Davis (Cindy Robillard) moved to send 2 members, Houston Moss and Cindy Robillard to LRID workshop paid by LAD CARRIED

John Davis (Cindy Robillard) moved to host LAD Social\Picnic in the Fall of 2016. CARRIED

John Davis (Alla Tarasyuk) moved to have ASL performance in Baton Rouge at the LAD Conference in 2017. CARRIED

Alla Tarasyuk (Wanda Miller) moved to contribute \$250 to Louisiana Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Celebration on June 17, 2016 CARRIED

Cindy Robillard (Lisa Combs) moved to contribute \$1,000 to DGM AMENDED

Dustin Cutrer (Wanda Miller) amended to contribute \$5,000 from Bingo Fund to DGM CARRIED

Announcement

Alla Tarasyuk announced that LSD is looking for Full Time Educational Interpreter

Adjourned 12:50 pm