

**LAD Board Meeting
8 November 2014
At Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf in Lafayette, LA**

President Cindy Robillard had called the meeting at 9:07 am.

Roll call: Cindy Robillard, Thelma Covello, Kenny Davis, Pauline Wood, Wanda Miller, Lacey Richard. Absent: Houston Moss.

Chapter Representatives: NOBDA-Floyd Perrodin, AAD-Larry Robillard, LSCAD.-Donna Cormier, LAAD-Cleve Cormier. Absent: LADBC-Judith Perrodin and DTO- Dustin Cutrer.

Floyd Perrodin pledged the flag.

Pauline Wood (Cleve Cormier) accepted the minutes on 16 August 2014 with some corrections.

President's report:

1. Conversation with Kim Majeri to reschedule the date from February 7, 2015 to 7 March 2015.
2. October 3, 2014 LAD Board had a meeting with Shawn Fleming on Special Education Forum
3. November 12, 2014 -SEAP Meeting
4. October 24, 2014 Deaf Education Round Table meeting. Had a meeting with Rana Ottallah.
5. Next meeting on Deaf Education Round Table will be on November 21, 2014 and needs our supports.
6. Hands and Voice Family Conference/workshop on November 7 at DAC. I could not make it due to vehicle tire being flat.
7. Louisiana Summit for Deaf Education Reform on January 24, 2015 and need our supports.
8. Deaf Nation Expo on April 25, 2015 and ask us for a booth set up.
9. Mississippi Association of the Deaf (MAD) asked me to be their guest speaker on their Christmas Gala on December 13, 2014.

Vice-President's report (his note)

1. Need a date to gather before January 10 for By-Laws
 - a. Wanda would like to some duties to be expanded such as:
 - LAD Rep. to LRID, LAD Rep. to EDHI, and any others
 - b. Label addresses on envelopes to send letters to all members
 - c. Discuss plans for a forum
2. Place of Forum to be announced: 1st choice at LAAD, alternative in Baton Rouge (if we can find a place). Rationale: Baton Rouge is the center for members drive from their hometown to BR.
3. I have been attending several meetings related to:
 - a. Education/ACT833 with Shawn Fleming, Task Force on EDHI, and Deaf Bill of Rights & Special Education Advisory Panel
 - b. Next Bill of Rights meeting will be on Nov 21st, we need many of you to attend as we have been discussing the word to be changed from entitled to shall. Task Force group disagreed as I encourage you all to attend.
 - c. ACT833 is still out there and confused the Bill and still working on it.
4. President Cindy passed out her letter to the SEAP panelists at meeting in Baton Rouge, LA and enabled Shawn Fleming to make some movements. He wanted to meet with LAD boards. Shawn learned a lot from our concerns and the meeting went well.
5. I am in favor to pay \$1,500.00 for Beth Benedict's expenses included flight, hotel, and meals on January 24, 2015 for the Deaf Alliance Summit.

Secretary's report:

1. Attended LCD (Louisiana Commission for the Deaf)
 - A. Ebola issues with disabilities assistance
 - B. Insurance covered the interpreters during the doctor's visitation.
2. EDHI was thrilled to have a LAD Representative as the vacant was ten years.
3. Dr. Nancy Benham asked LAD that she needs some volunteers during LSD Girls Mason- Dixon Basketball tournaments on January 22-25, 2015
4. Dr. Nancy Benham also asked LAD that she needs some volunteers for Academic Bowl on February 7, 2015.

Treasurer's report

1. July 2014	\$340,863.16
2. August 2014	\$335,331.43
3. September 2014	\$333,704.89

1. Katherine Stewart's case was done.
 - a. We paid \$3,465.52 for the legal fees to Phelp Dunbar, LLC. The settlement payments were \$860.37 for Katherine Stewart and \$750.00 for the attorney – Avant & Falcon.
2. LAD Bingo
 - a. Pay \$6,000.00 for Form 990T Estimated Tax Payment for One (1) more month (December).
3. LAD Children Golf Tournament
 - a. Had LAD-Sam's Club Deaf Children Golf Tournament.
 - b. Disappointed that we had eleven (11) teams who show up our tournament. Will contact Earl Wilson and he was busy contacting the companies' committed contributions.
 - c. LAD-Wal-Mart Deaf Children Golf Tournament last year-\$3,700.00
4. LAD Ways and Means Committee
 - a. Had a meeting last Thursday.
 - b. The Ways and Means Committees are Dustin Cutrer, Lacey Richard, Karen Deville, and Ed Wood.
 - c. Regions Bank – (Operating Fund, Youth Fund and Legal Fund)
Chase Bank (Bingo Fund)
Merrill Lynch (Investment Fund)
Gulf Coast Bank and Trust (Saving Fund)
 - d. We will transfer ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from Gulf Coast and Trust to Regions Bank.
 - e. We will buy a new copier ASAP and our old copier is working ok. Lately I called Advanced Office Systems to come and repair it and the service man told me that it is time to get a new copier.
 - f. An old copier cannot trade with new copier due to paid off.
 - g. We have not transferred any amount from Bingo Fund to Operating Fund since January 2014. We have to pay the taxes which are approximately close to \$8,000.00 per month. After January 2015 we will be ok.

5. 2013 LAD Financial Report
 - a. Working on this report and complete it ASAP. I will get two (2) members in good standing from different towns and from different Local Association Organizations in good organization standing to serve on the committee.
6. Deaf Nation Expo Joel Barish contacted me that he prefers LAD on platform on April 25, 2015.

Member at Large reports:

Lacey Richard-no reports

Wanda Miller-

1. Need some agenda for LAD State Conference program book.
2. Want to get one more workshop for LAD State Conference
3. LAD rep to LCD, LAD Rep to LRID, LAD Rep to EDHI, LAD Rep to Gaming

Pauline Wood

1. LSU concession during football games.
 - a. We get 12 % profits and we don't buy anything
 - b. Have to decide before July 2015
2. LAD Conference
 - a. Folders instead of program books
 - b. Angela Straity's contract for our approval
 - c. Parliamentarian Andy Lange
 - d. Need a person responsible for choice of meals –Lacey will take care.
3. Tanya Brown was honored by Hamilton Relay for Deaf Community Leader Award for the State of Louisiana last week.
4. Still waiting for LCD to approve me to replace Louis Cannon.
5. Attended NASRA (National Association for State Relay Administration) Conference in Portland, Maine after TEDPA (Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association).
 - a. Many acronyms!
 1. For example: SMS (Short message service); NG911 (Next generation 911); PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point); TRS (Telecommunications Relay Service) and many more.

2. Text 911
3. FCC leaves to states to be responsible for TRS
4. Proactive if no landline by 2020..rurals say no because of PSAP
5. AT&T no longer with TRS, Sprint to go too...leave only Hamilton as sole relay service
6. Next year at Jackson Hole, Wyoming; 2016 at Baltimore by TEDPA; urged New Orleans to bid for 2018
7. Academy Bowl at LSD February 5-7, 2015
 - a. Need volunteers at door, hospitality, etc. Hope LAD will help. Will meet with Candi Harbison on Thursday, November 13, 2014.
8. Gallaudet Club on Friday, February 6th from 7 to 9 pm at LSD. Not only for alumni but friends can come too. Alan Hurwitz, President of Gallaudet University will be here.

Chapter Representative's reports

AAD – Larry Robillard – no report

LAAD – Cleve Cormier

1. Add one more position to 2nd Vice President (Age 21-35 years old)

LSCAD – Donna Cormier-no report

NOBDA – Floyd Perrodin – no report

LAD Representative to LRID Shirley Delahousayee

1. FYI It was approved that the regular LRID Conference held in the spring by somewhat cancelled in lieu of the RID Conference to be held in New Orleans, LA on
2. August 8-12, 2015.
3. I expressed my concern regarding the lack of significantly reduced rates to attend LRID workshops for those not needing to receive CEU's and asked that this be considered a priority in the future as the LRID membership had voted and approved this several years ago.. However, no action has really been taken...
4. Informed LRID that we are in the process of planning for the upcoming LAD conference to be held in Baton Rouge in June 2015.

5. Attending the LRID Conference in Lafayette on October 17-18, 2014 as I am representing for LAD. I received an official letter from LRID President Alvin Malcolm stated that Alla Tarasyuk is the LRID designee to serve as the LRID Rep to LAD.

Pauline Wood (Floyd Perrodin) moved to have ten (10) minutes break.

New Business:

2014-1 Pauline Wood (Donna Cormier) moved that we purchase a copier and leave Kenny's discretion. **PASSED.**

2014-2 Donna Cormier (Larry Robillard) moved that we approved Angela Straity agreement and her contract. **PASSED**

2014-3 Pauline Wood (Wanda Miller) moved to accept an agreement contract and pay Kim Majeri with the tentative dates. **PASSED**

2014-4 Larry Robillard (Pauline Wood) moved that we donate \$1,500.00 presenter fee to Deaf Education Alliance ILEEAD. **PASSED.**

2014-5 Kenny Davis (Pauline Wood) moved that we buy a digital camera. **PASSED**

2014-6 Kenny Davis (Cleve Cormier) moved that compensation records need to post on our minutes as Kenny Davis - \$500.00 per month and Karen Deville - \$200.00 per month. **PASSED.**

GOOD SPEECH/Announcements

Wanda Miller – Contribution form and youth scholarship form

Alla Tarasyuk – Academy Bowl and we need 20 volunteers
Check website on LSD

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Submitted,

Thelma Covello
LAD Secretary