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WVSD 2008 GRADUATION



West Virginia School for the Deaf 2008 Seniors and Juniors sing in American Sign Language to the parents, WVSD Faculty and Staff, Alumni, and Friends. To know more about the seniors this year, see on page 7 for their names and goals in a real world.



West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind (WVSD/B) Superintendent Dr. Shank and the West Virginia Association of the Deaf President Douglas Evans at the WVSD/B 2008 Graduation ceremony.



FROM EDITORS:

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Worthy Devericks, WVAD Senior Trustee talked to the Board Members and guests during the WVAD's June 8th regular board meeting at Country Inn meeting room in Charleston, W.V. He made a brief sense of humor remarks.

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National Association of the Deaf
A Non-Profit Organization for the Welfare
of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Dear Members and Friends

Since this summer 2008 is still a young and ongoing, I hope you all enjoy your summer season so far, in despite the gas price is continuing increased. Although, I'm currently on summer break from the Fairmont State University, I am still busy but at the same time, I am trying to enjoy myself and with my family as much as I can. The only thing I am looking forward with an excitement that I only have one more semester to go before I graduate on December 20, 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice major. No matter how full my plate is, I am still and will always be devoted to the West Virginia Association of the Deaf and am very proud to represent you as your President.

Just a month ago on June 9th, Mr. John Burdette, WVAD Vice President; Mrs. Ruby Losh, the West Virginia Telecommunications Relay Services (WVTRS) Advisory Board Chairperson for the WVAD, and myself had two meetings: one with Roy Forman, the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Deputy Director to discuss on a few important issues and another is the West Virginia Public Commission Services (WVPSC) representatives in Charleston, W.V. At this point, I would like to tell you about the WVPSC itself; it was an informal meeting to discuss about establishing the WVTRS Advisory Board. I applauded Ruby for presenting her outstanding presentation to the WVPSC representatives about how important to have the TRS Advisory Board for our State of West Virginia. Ruby is working very hard to keep the ball rolling to start the TRS Advisory Board by starting the survey form to gather information from you and all West Virginia Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens either on WVAD website or use the Survey Form (yellow paper) with this newsletter. Please fill out the survey form as soon as you finish reading this letter. The survey is very important to the WVAD and the Public Commission Services so that we can have an idea on what areas that we can improve such as possibly having high speed internet accessibility and availability especially in rural places where it's currently has no high speed internet that requires having a videophone (VP) at their residence. Even if you already have high speed internet and VP at your home, we still want you to fill out the form anyway. Read the survey form for further instruction and then answer 10 simple questions. Your cooperating to help us is enormous appreciated. If you need help or have a question, you may e-mail to Ruby Losh at rllosh@aol.com.

About the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Executive Director position, it is still ongoing activity and as of now, I have not heard anything yet, but we, the WVAD Board of Directors keep our eyes what is happening in the near future, please ensure to check the WVAD website periodically for any update news or announcement.

By the time, you receive this newsletter; there is only two weeks away to the WVAD Picnic Day at Sutton Lake, please go to Page 5 and 6 for more information and check www.wvad.org for any additional announcement. I look forward to see you all there on Saturday, August 2.

We, the WVAD Board members hope you all have a great and safety summer season.

WVADically,

Douglas A. Evans
President



Linda Jane Phillips and Michael Brent Eckhart were united in marriage on April 19, 2008. The double ring ceremony was held at the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells and was officiated by Reverend Ron Somerville and interpreted by Sam Wilder. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the same location.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry Phillips of Charleston, WV, and Elizabeth (Liz) Leisure of Parkersburg, WV. She is the granddaughter of the late Ted and Ruth Phillips of Charleston, and James and late Nona Garretson of Grantsville, WV.

The groom is the son of Earl and Sue Eckhart of Parkersburg, WV. He is the grandson of the late Adam and Della Eckhart of Parkersburg, and late Ronald and Madeline Hunt of Parkersburg.

The matron of honor was Caryn Keller of Parkersburg, best friend of the bride. Best man was Chad Eckhart, brother of the groom. Usher was Alex Eckhart, son of the groom. Presented music and vocal for the ceremony was Bill Keller, special friend of the bride. In charge of the guestbook was Heidi Wharton, friend of the bride. In charge of the wedding and reception was Cindy Starn, friend of the bride. Gift Attendants was Amy Eckhart, daughter of groom, and Angie Eckhart, sister-in-law of groom.

The bride is currently working on her Masters degree in rehab counseling which she will graduate from WVU in December of 2008 and the groom is employed at Blue Cross Blue Shield in Parkersburg, WV. The newlyweds honeymooned on a cruise to St. Martins, St. Thomas, and Puerto Rico and reside in Parkersburg, WV.

UPCOMING

TOWN-HALL MEETING

WVAD has some exciting news to share with you all. We are working on setting up several town hall meetings throughout the state for this year. We have always wanted to set up town-hall meeting so the board can figure out what WVAD can do for you. We need your help and support by attending the town-hall meetings and express your concerns and needs. After the town-hall meetings, we can start working on some of the things that you bring up at the meetings. As you have seen that WVAD has made some changes. We are working to make more changes but we don't know what you need us to do. Our goal is to have 5 town-hall meetings, the locations will be Romney, Parkersburg, Beckley, Wheeling, and Clarksburg/Fairmont.

We are talking with Sprint in having them showing ASL Film 'Wrong Game' right after the meetings. The town-hall meetings welcome everyone, Deaf, HOH, members, non-members. Keep your eye on our website for update information. We will mail out the flyers for each town-hall meetings. Hope to have everyone come and support your state organization. For those who live out of state and unable to come to our town-hall meeting but have some concerns or want to see something succeed, please email trustee1@wvad.org. I will bring any emails I receive relating to town-hall meetings to the meeting and have your emails read. Thank you.

Robyn Evans

WEST VIRGINIA DEAF CLUBS

For those deaf friends who have no access to personal computer or Internet service. We have WV Deaf Clubs information for you.

Beckley Assoc. of the Deaf
usually meets the 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Nancy Nichols
24goby8@charter.net

Charleston Assoc. of the Deaf

Contact: Jimmy Harrison
JHarrison5@aol.com

Fairmont Assoc. of the Deaf
usually meets 2nd Saturday
Of the month

Contact: Michael Losh
fmtdeaf@yahoo.com
www.geocities.com/fmtdeaf

Greenbrier Valley Assoc.
of the Deaf

usually meets 2nd Saturday
of the month

Contact: John Burdette
JBMiami@aol.com

Huntington Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Sej-Christina Bentley

Parkersburg Assoc. of the Deaf

meets three times a year

Contact: Liz Leisure
lizleisure@verizon.net

Romney Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

E-mail:

RAD_CLUB_26757@yahoo.com

Website:

www.geocities.com/rad_club_26757

Wheeling Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Ray Matos



DEAF HUNTER, 73 BAGS FIRST GOBBLER

Ronald A. Davis of Romney finally got his prey at age 73.

The Romney man, who is deaf, killed his first turkey ever during opening week of the Spring season while hunting with his daughter, Donna Keister.

"He's missed them five times in his lifetime," Keister said. "He is so proud of this."

Davis shot the 22.5-pound turkey at 9:45 a.m. April 29 on River Road, southwest of Romney. The big bird sported a 9.5-inch spur.

Davis was born deaf, but that hasn't deterred him from hunting. Keister has been hunting with him since becoming interested in the sport about three years ago.

"It's daughter-dad quality time," she said.

She accompanies him to help spot prey and also to let him know when he's making noise.

"He'll pack a lunch and unwrap his sandwich and not realize it's making sounds," Keister said. "He doesn't realize how loud he is."

Davis is a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf.

The two had been hunting about three and a half hours when Davis hit the mark.

Keister got her own turkey the day before, on opening day.

NOTICE: This article published in Washington Post newspaper and credited to Jim King, Sports Editor and the photo was submitted by Donna Keister.

On the behalf of West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc, the board and members, we congratulate you on your bless hunting.



West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Heard of Hearing

will have their regular board meeting:

WHEN: Thurday, August 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

For more info., contact secretary Kari Preslar at 1-866-461-3578 or e-mail to kariapreslar@wvdhhr.org

2008 WVAD PICNIC



AUGUST 2, 2008

**SUTTON LAKE
SHELTER #4**

11:00 a.m. til Dark



\$10.00 per ADULT
includes
MEAL & DOOR PRIZES

\$5.00 per CHILD
(ages: 12 -18)
includes MEAL

CHILDREN (under 12)
FREE

COME OUT AND JOIN US TO HAVE FUN

GAMES

Horseshoe Tournament
\$5.00 to play
Corn Holes
\$5.00 to play
And More.....



Recommend you
to
bring your
Lawn Chair
for your
convenience!

CASH PRIZES

based on
**NUMBER OF
ATTENDEES**

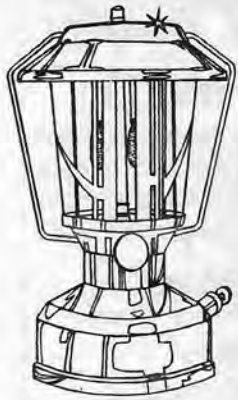
The WVAD will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch and hamburgers, hot dogs & Kentucky Fried Chicken for supper.

PICNIC GUESTS: Please bring covered dishes (for those who bring will get an additional door prize ticket) and desserts.

TO PARENTS: If you plan to bring your child or children, there is nice playground which is close to the Shelter for your kids to enjoy. And also, there is a very nice beach for your kids to swim. Make sure your kids to bring swimming suit and towel. Be aware that you are responsible for your kids and their behavior at both shelter and campground.

DIRECTION: [From northbound I-79, get off Exit 67 (Flatwoods), make a left turn] / [from southbound I-79, get off Exit 67 (Flatwoods) make right turn] and go toward to red traffic light, make a right turn and go on for approx. 1 miles until you see small GO-MART) store on your left side, make a left onto Rt. 15 and keep going for approx..1 miles until you see Bee Run Picnic sign, make a right and continue for two more miles until you see two yields, go on left yield (picnic sign) and go up until you see the first shelter which is No. 4.

For more information, contact Robyn Evans at 304-623-4863 VP or e-mail to trustee1@wvad.org



AUGUST 1 - 3, 2008

ATTENTION CAMPERS:
GERALD FREEMAN

Campground which is approximately 10 miles (15—20 minutes drive) from the Sutton Lake Shelter #4. There are 77 electric outlets available at the campground. Small tent is allowed, however, only limited to eight people for each camping site with camper. Dogs are permitted at both campground and shelter for your convenience. The campground office reserves 20 campground sites for the WVAD for two nights, Friday and Saturday nights. If you are interested in making camping reservation or get more information, please call **Robyn Evans** on videophone at **304-623-4863** or e-mail her at **trusteel@wvad.org** by **July 20**.

PET PERMIT



PRICE INFORMATION

Without electric—\$16.00 per night
With electric — \$18.00 or \$22.00 per night depending on camp sites.

**GOLDEN ACCESS PASSPORT
GOLDEN AGE PASSORT**

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL INTERAGENCY
MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTED**



**DO NOT CALL THE
CAMPGROUND
OFFICE!**



West Virginia Telecommunication Relay Service WVTRS

The WVTRS team is working to find what we can do help our WV Deaf and Hard of Hearing community to have better and quality communication access.

Will you please take your few minutes to answer the survey and submit either through mail to:

RUBY LOSH
P.O. BOX 764
RIVESVILLE, WV 26588

Or go to www.wvad.org and click "WVTRS" button to fill out and submit your answer by August 1, 2008.

WVTRS SURVEY FORM

1. Name: (optional) _____

2. City: _____

3. County: _____

4. Do you have High Speed Internet at your home? YES or NO
If yes, what company do you use? _____
for example: Verizon, Road Runner, Comcast, Frontier, and etc.

5. Do you need special equipment for communication? YES or NO
If yes, please check as many that applies to you:
 VCO CapTel Videophone TTY Braille Other: _____

6. If the High Speed Internet is available at your household,
can you afford it to pay high-speed internet ? YES or NO

7. Are you satisfied with Hamilton Relay Service using traditional relay service (711)?
 YES or NO. If you answer no, please explain why you are not satisfied?

8. Do you think we should establish a relay call center in State of WV?
 YES or NO

9. Do you feel that High Speed Internet is a high priority for West Virginia to have service? YES or NO

10. Are you interested to be on our WVTRS Advisory Board? YES or NO
If you answer YES, please write your name: _____

Thank you for your taking time to fill out the survey.
Ruby Losh, WVTRS Advisory Board Chairperson

West Virginia School for the Deaf

CLASS OF 2008



Pamela Sue Thompson is the daughter of Ronald Thompson and Kim Grey of Montrose, WV. She is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2008. Pamela has been a member of the FFA, Skills USA, Jr. National Association of the Deaf, Gear Up, Tapestry, Archery Team and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). She is the secretary for the Class of 2008. Pamela completed the ProStart Culinary Arts program and was awarded outstanding second year student. At WVSD, Pamela was a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. She was selected as an All Star in the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Volleyball Tournament. In basketball, Pamela received honorable Mention in the ESDAA Tournament. Pamela plans to go to Fairmont State University Community and Technical college, Fairmont, WV to study graphic design.

WVAD AWARDS

WVAD President Evans presented the following awards to:

- Pamela Thompson — \$100.00**
VALEDICTORIAN
- Justin Gregory — \$75.00**
SALUTATORIAN
- Sarah Abernathy — \$25.00**
MOST OUTSTANDING
SENIOR CERTIFICATE

All five seniors also received free two-years WVAD Membership cards.

CONGRATULATION SENIORS!



Justin Allen Gregory is the son of Jeffery Jarvis and Drema Gregory of Chloe, WV. Justin is WVSD's 2008 Salutatorian with a career major in agriculture mechanics. Justin is a member of Tapestry, Skills USA and Future Farmers of America and received the following awards: Discovery Degree, Greenhand, Chapter FFA Degree, Dekalb Award and Star Greenhand. His sports experiences include basketball, scorekeeper for various teams and football trainer at Hampshire High School. Justin plans to continue his education at a technical school or college.

NO
PHOTO
AVAILABLE
OF

MEGAN MARIE
CAVENDER

Megan Marie Cavender is the daughter of Tim and Barbara Cavender of Kenna, WV. Megan participated in Tapestry, Future Business Leaders of America and Future Farmers of America. Her sports experiences include volleyball, archery and scorekeeper for boys' varsity and middle school basketball.



Sarah Mae Abernathy is the daughter of Gerald Sr. and Roberta Abernathy of Keyser, WV. Sarah has been a member of the FFA, Skills USA, Jr. National Association of the Deaf, GEAR UP, Tapestry, Future Business Leaders of America and Archery Team. She has served as treasurer and reporter for FFA and she was a past president for FBLA. Sarah was an FFA national convention delegate and has earned the FFA greenhand award. Sarah completed the ProStart Culinary Arts program. AT WVSD Sarah was on the varsity volleyball and basketball teams. Sarah plans to go to Pierpont Community and Technical College in Fairmont, WV to study Child Development.



Gordon Lee Redden is the son of Bud Redden (deceased) and Mary Redden of Beckley, WV. Gordon is a member of the West Virginia School for the Blind 2008 wrestling team, a two-year member of Tapestry and the WVSD Archery team. Gordon plans to attend Mountain State University in Beckley, WV and study to be an assistant in forensic science.

OBITUARIES

RINGER

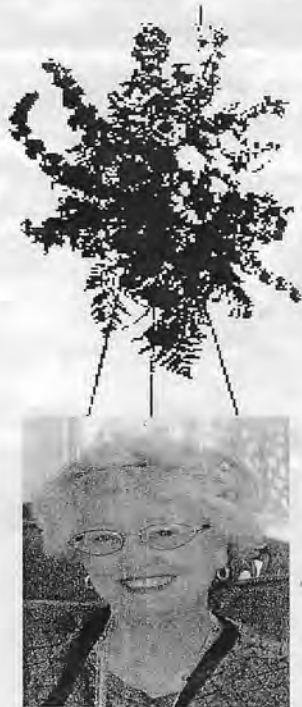
Marjorie Ann Johnson Ringer, 76, of Parkersburg passed away May 2, 2008, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

She was born in Roanoke, Ala., a daughter of the late Jack and Edith Rookstool Johnson. She graduated from the Romney School for the deaf and was retired from Walker Systems in Parkersburg.

She is survived by one daughter, Barbara Girard of Spartanburg, S.C.; one son, Brian Ringer of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Edna Johnson Ratliff of Hopewell, Va., and Patricia Johnson Rowe of Richmond, Va.; and five grandchildren, Derrick Piggott, Doug Piggott, Jesse Girard, Sonia Girard and Kim Ringer.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Bruce Ringer; and one brother, Charles Johnson.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, 400 Green St., Parkersburg, with the Rev. Everett Snyder officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.



HARPER

Mrs. Eva Faye Harper
Born: March 26, 1940
Died: May 9, 2008

NOTICE

There is no obituary clipping available at this time.



RIGGLEMAN

Eugene "Jack" Jackson Riggleman, age 74, passed away of natural causes on Thursday, May 1st, 2008. Services will be Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Schneeberger Funeral Home 2222 Fulton Rd. N.W., Canton, OH 44709. Friends and family will gather before services from 3-5 p.m. A private burial will follow at a later date. Jack was born in Fisher, West Virginia, on June 25th, 1933. He was the son of the late Claude and Verdie Riggleman and the youngest brother to four siblings. Jack attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf from 1941 through 1953. He was extremely proud of his time at the school for the deaf and especially proud of his role as a member of the football team. He encouraged young deaf children and young deaf adults to seek education and possibilities through the school for the deaf. After graduating from the West Virginia School for the Deaf he resided in Canton, OH, where he was a proud employee of the Canton Repository as a printer for over 33 years. In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his four older siblings. He is survived by his three daughters and sons in law, Kimerly and Michael McEnulty of Kansas City, Missouri, Terri and Ron Karstetter of Canton, Ohio and Brenda and Kevin Dine of Canton, Ohio. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and three grand-grandchildren. Jack was the Vice-President and Treasurer of the Canton Silent Club and a member of the Akron Deaf Club. He was also a member of the Buckeye Deaf Senior Citizens and the Mayfield Senior Citizen Club. Jack was a kind and generous man who loved his family and was a true friend of the deaf community. He will be missed by all and remembered always.

SAMPLES

Pet Samples, 100, of Ashland, Ky., formerly of Charleston, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008, in Ashland.

Funeral services will be conducted at noon Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the Wallace Funeral Home & Chapel, Barboursville, by Pastor D. L Webb. Burial will be in Graceland Memorial Park, Charleston.

She was born April 7, 1908, in Charleston, a daughter of the late Granville and Nettie Hall. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Virginia Edwards, and her husbands, Clouy Smith and Lafe Samples.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Mary Smith of Clarksville, Tenn., and Jack and Dorothy Smith of Chesapeake, Ohio; one son-in-law, Jim Edwards of Flatwoods, Ky.; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday after 11:00 a.m. at the Wallace Funeral Home, Barboursville.

NOTICE: According to Mr. Ronald Williams, Mrs. Samples (HALL) did enroll at WVSD in 1924 and her family did not mention where she attended at her school in newspaper. They knew her at the Charleston Association of the Deaf social club and she had been a member for many years.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The WVAD Newsletter Editor wants to thank to some WVAD members for sending obituaries clipping with photo if possible to the Editor to publish in this newsletter. Editor Doug Evans would like you to continue if you know any West Virginia School for the Deaf friends and faculty/staff who passed away, please e-mail the hard copy obituary from newspapers or online to the editor@wvad.org or mail to the following address:

DOUGLAS A. EVANS
112 SUMMIT COURT
CLARKSBURG, WV 26301

MEETING MINUTES

**West Virginia Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting
Patio Room in Comfort Suites
Mineral Wells, West Virginia
February 2, 2008**

Present: Douglas Evans, Robyn Evans, John Burdette, Liz Leisure, Linda Phillips, Ruby Losh, and Mary Kesler

Absent: Veronda Harrison, Worthy Devericks, Monica Kelly, Josiah Kelly, Jimmy Harrison, and Caryn Keller

Visitors: None

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in the patio room of the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells, West Virginia, on February 2, 2008, at 1:29 p.m. President Douglas Evans and Secretary Liz Leisure presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting, October 7, 2007, were corrected and approved as read.

Secretary Liz Leisure gave the financial report in Treasurer Veronda Harrison's absent. There is a question mark on the list of the expenses in the amount of \$90.02. The treasurer was not able to determine what the charge was for. After checking among the board members, it was found that President Evans has made some purchases at Staples. He will send the receipt to Treasurer Harrison after he returned home. Vice-president Burdette asked whether or not Treasurer Harrison has sent a check to NAD for the registration fee for two delegates as it was not included in the financial report. This question will be addressed to the treasurer within the next few days.

President Douglas Evans received an e-mail from Roy Forman of the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing stating that the Deaf Tech Fair has been rescheduled to April 5, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The DTF will be held at the Charleston Civic Center.

He received an e-mail from Chris Wagner, Vice-president of Marketing Communication inviting Robyn and Doug to the first Clear Blue Training Conference in Clearwater, Florida, on Friday, February 15, through February 17, 2008. The expenses will be covered by the CDSVRS.

President Evans and Vice-president John Burdette were not able to attend the NAD Regional 1 Conference in November 2007 due to lack of funds.

President Evans received an e-mail from John Burdette regarding the WVDBA program book advertisement and also from Ruby Losh regarding the Dixie Bowling Tournament that will be held in May 2008.

Vice-president John Burdette has no report to give at this time.

Secretary Liz Leisure reported that several e-mails have been received through the WVAD1930 e-mail account. They all have been answered by both Linda Phillips and Liz Leisure.

Head Trustee Worthy Devericks is absent.

Trustee Robyn Evans has no report to give at this time.

Trustee Linda Phillips distributed the survey results for the 2007 WVAD conference. She stated that the results are not 100 percent accurate because not everyone answered every question on the survey.

Reports from the Standing Committee Chairpersons:

WV Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Board – Ruby Losh reported that she has reviewed the by-laws and the Public Service Commission (PSC) contract. The contract with the PSC will expire July 1, 2008. She would like to contact one representative from each local deaf chapter (there are currently eight deaf chapters in West Virginia), the PSC, and Hamilton Relay Service to set a date to have a meeting prior to the expiration date.

WVAD Advocacy – Monica Kelly is absent.

100th WVAD Anniversary and Membership – Jimmy Harrison is absent.

American Sign Language Task Force (ASLTF) – Mary Kesler reported that she has gathered data from more than eight states to review and develop our standards for ASL teachers. She reported that there is no four-year ASL program in West

Virginia. There is a one-year ASL Communication program at Pierpont Community and Technical College of Fairmont State University. They have some two-year programs. The teachers are required to have BA degrees to teach.

In May 2008, Mary will develop a list of colleges that are willing to endorse the ASL certificate as a foreign language. ASL teachers must have a college degree and must attend a workshop to maintain his/her certification in ASL. She talked about other workshops to be set up by WVAD and WVDE to support and/or certify our ASL teachers.

Youth Program – Caryn Keller is absent but she her report is available which was read by Linda Phillips. Caryn has many ideas and goals for the Youth which are listed as follows: to reach as many deaf and hard of hearing kids age 3-18 as possible and to make all activities accessible such as pageant, youth camp, mini conference, and contests. She has several ideas for youth participation in the next conference and she will present those at a later date.

There was a 20 minutes recess started at 3:20 p.m.

Ruby Losh suggested that each deaf chapter pays WVAD a one-year fee to advertise other deaf organizations' events on the WVAD website.

Reports from the Board Coordinators:

John Burdette:

DDLEOS: John passed out some visor cards at the Charleston Association of the Deaf's New Year Eve Party. Two testimonies were given from deaf people during the party about what happened to them when they got pulled over by the policemen.

John is still working with the Division of Motor Vehicles. He said Caryn told him that she still has not heard from her friend yet about the cost of wallet size cards. John said the video clips are still pending.

2008 State Fair: The deadline for the exhibit application for the State Fair is either March or April. John has not had a

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

chance to talk with Roy Forman to see if the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is going to get a booth this year or not. If they are, John will ask if WVCDHH can share their booth with our organization. If not, we might be able to get a two-day community service tent.

TTY Signs on the Highways: John developed a draft letter to the Department of Transportation Cabinet Secretary about moving the TTY signs away from the rest areas ramps to the interstates where motorists can see better.

Fundraiser/Telemarketers: John said he did some research and found one that is called CACP Fundraising Business. He is going to check on that one.

Liz Leisure:

Liability Insurance Policy: Liz sent out a total of 28 e-mails to State Association Presidents asking if their organization has liability insurance coverage for directors and officers. She received only seven responses. Two e-mails were returned due to no connection.

Mingo County Scholarship Funds: A draft of the Scholarships Awards has been made and approval from the board is needed.

Budget Planning: Liz checked on the expenses paid for the past three conferences: For the year of 2003, WVAD paid \$7,495.13; 2005 - \$13,362.76; and 2007 - \$20,282.06. A question was raised about how much was gained from these conferences. Liz will check on this and give the report at a later date.

Robyn Evans:

WVAVRS: Robyn received a check in the amount of ten dollars from CDSVRS. She received an invitation to attend training in Clearwater, Florida.

2008 WVAD Picnic: Robyn gave us four different locations to choose from to have our annual picnic: Beech Fork Shelter, Sutton Lake, Burnsville Lake, and Bluestone Lake. She gave a brief description of each lake in order to help us to choose which one would be best to have our picnic.

Workshops: Robyn will be working with Mary Kesler to set up some ASL workshops.

Linda Phillips:

2009 WVAD Conference: Linda gave us board members a tour at the Comfort Suites today. She gave the report on the survey results on the 2007 conference. This report will be used to help us how to improve our next conference.

By-Laws: Linda reported that the By-Laws have been updated on-line. She will be posting on-line for new amendments to bring up at the next WVAD conference.

Website Master: Since we switched to new host, we have an increase in visitors. We continue to update the website. Please continue to remind anyone who want to post events to e-mail to WVAD1930@wvad.org.

New Business:

Robyn moved that we vote on where to have the 2008 summer picnic. John moved that this motion be amended by adding "at Sutton Lake." The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

John moved that WVAD place a full-page ad in the amount of \$50.00 in the WVDDBA program book. The motion passed.

John moved that WVAD have an exhibit at the Deaf Tech Fair at the Charleston Civic Center in April 2008. The motion passed.

Robyn moved that WVAD order cheap freebies for our exhibit at the Deaf Tech Fair. The motion passed.

Robyn moved that WVAD charge a small fee to deaf organizations to advertise events on the WVAD website. John moved that we amend this motion by removing "a small fee" and adding "\$40.00 per year". The amendment carried. The motion as amended passed.

Robyn moved that WVAD place a full page ad in the amount of \$100.00 in the FADs/Dixie Bowling Tournament program book. The motion passed.

Doug moved that we find a cheapest airfare rate for Doug and John to fly to

New Orleans to attend the NAD conference. The motion passed.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by Liz Leisure, WVAD Secretary

April 20, 2008

This is a vote via VP meeting on April 20, 2008. Worthy Devericks and Linda Phillips Eckhart were absent from this VP meeting:

A discussion was held regarding a letter dated April 7, 2008 from Ruby Losh, Chairperson for the Fairmont Association of the Deaf Sports/Dixie 2008. In her letter, she requested that the check from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$1,500.00, that was payable to WVAD, be sent to Optimist International Club of Charleston, WV, to support the deaf and hard of hearing students at the WV School for the Deaf.

Robyn moved that WVAD deposit the check from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$1,500.00 and write a check to Optimist International Club of Charleston, WV.

The motion passed. (As reported by President Douglas Evans during the board meeting on June 8, 2008, WVAD did not deposit the checks from Wal-Mart as indicated above nor did they write a check to Optimist International Club of Charleston. Ruby Losh received an e-mail from the Optimist Club of Charleston on May 5, 2008 stating that they had to cancel the event at the Deaf Sports/Dixie 2008 because they were not able to resolve a fundraising issue. Therefore, a check for \$1,500.00 was not sent to them. President Evans will explain more about this at the General Assembly during the WVAD 2009 Biennial Conference.)

WVAD BOARD MEETING

Sunday, October 5, 2008

10:00 a.m. at Romney, WV

WVSDDB Administration Bldg.

Conference Room

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- DRESSING
- GREENS
- LETTUCE
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- MUSHROOMS
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