Began at 7:10 pm

Board Members Present: Susan Gordon, Stacie Yarbrough, Dorothy Vernon, Sharon Spencer, Ben Hollingsworth

Discussion of 2016 ALRID Conference in June.

• Nomination Committee: Dorothy Vernon
  o Region 2 will be vacant

• Mary Lou Bingham Award Committee: Sue Graham
  o Members: Dawn Vanzo and Judy Garrett
  o Will be sending an email to membership soon for nominations

• Conference Chair: Stacie Yarbrough
  o Emailed budget to the board for the conference
  o Total of budget: $18,309
    ▪ Interpreter cost was reduced
    ▪ Will have 3 paid interpreters
    ▪ Will use volunteer interpreters
    ▪ COSDA will use volunteer interpreters for their meeting and panel discussion
    ▪ Troy University’s workshop will volunteer interpreters

• CEUs for the conference:
  o ALRID 1.75 & COSDA .1
  o If someone buys the combo ticket then it is a total of 1.85 CEUs
  o Lisa Gould – working with Cindy Camp for RID CEU approval
  o CRC and Teacher CEUs will be provided at the conference

• Registration: 3 have registered online and ADRS will have a purchase order for the staff attending the conference (estimated at this time 9 or 10 attendees)

• Donations:
  o ADRS: $500
  o State Department of Education: $5,000 (will be sent after the conference to pay for one of the presenters (Dr. Melissa Smith) and the travel costs)

• Student Conference Rate: Student rate is $85 compared to regular rate of $175

• Interpreter Committee: Frances Smallwood
• **Equipment for Conference**: ALD’s needed for English interpretation

• **Fund Raising Rep needed**:
  - Responsibilities:
    - Selling ads for Program book
    - Selling booth space for exhibit area

• **Awards**: Susan Gordon

• **Silent Auction**: Judy Garrett
  - Each Region is to donate a basket to represent their area

• **School Systems**:
  - If you have contacts with the school system in your area, have them encourage the Deaf Ed. Teachers to attend the conference.

• **Advertising**: Included Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, and Kentucky

• **Hotel Rooms**:
  - Send Sharon Spencer the link to the hotel for booking room and she will keep a watch on this to make sure of how many rooms are booked.
  - ALRID is committed to Thursday and Friday nights for the rooms.

• **Ideas regarding Board Meetings**:
  - In 2 weeks have a conference call (limit to 30 minutes) with specific topic of discussion about conference
  - Discuss other areas that need support for the conference
  - Have teleconference meetings with specific committees

**Ended**: 8:00pm