

Asperger Works

Putting autism to work

Monthly Board Meeting

February 23, 2015

The monthly meeting was held at the Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence and began at 7:09 PM.

Attending: Angelica "Toni" Acevedo, Rachael Chambers, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, Richard Rodriguez, and Tom "Woody" Wood

MINUTES

A motion was made and voted on to accept the minutes of November 15, 2014 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk with correction (date of next meeting should have been changed from 2/16 2/23 and place from 48 Marshland Street, Haverhill, MA to 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance	\$931.29
Deposit	\$0.00
Total	\$931.29
Disbursements	-\$81.95
Total	\$849.34

A motion was made and voted on to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Adam Rajczyk and file it for audit with amendment (In-kind Donation from Toni Acevedo of heavy stock paper - \$11.00)

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Rachael Chambers came to the meeting and introduced herself. Prior to the meeting the Board had a chance to review her resume and the Board voted unanimously to accept her as a member of the Board.

Thomas Wood indicated that Dusya Lubavaskaya-Geschelin is still very much interested in becoming a Board member and would be, according to him, a great asset. It was again decided that Ms. Lubavaskaya-Geschelin should submit her resume and a statement about why she would like to join the Board for the Board's consideration before our next meeting.

FUNDRAISING

- Adam Rajczyk reported on the Community Grant. Our application was found wanting, because of the financial section.
- Lisa Rajczyk presented the Board with posters she had designed for Facebook, etc. The Board liked them and approved their use. She talked about the need to be seen both online and in person.

- Daniel Rajczyk discussed his idea of forming "Friends of Asperger Works," whereby we would offer membership for donors; this was tabled for further discussion down the line. Questions – What would they get for membership? Why would people want to become regular donors?

OTHER

- We had a quick discussion about problems with Board communication and participation and the need to let everyone know what is being done, etc. It was agreed that everything should go through one person – the Board President.
- Toni Acevedo gave her report on meeting with State Representative Marcos Devers and his aide Jorge Cruz. She will resend report to Board Members.
- Daniel Rajczyk reported on his meeting with Abel Vargas (Lawrence Business and Economic Development Director) and will send report to Board Members
 - he reiterated the reason our Grant application was rejected (financial) and promised help for next year's grant
 - stated that there are no developers in Lawrence who are willing to donate us (actually any nonprofit) space
 - 5K walk could be held on Campagnone Common
 - Need only 1 police officer
 - Free EMT
 - Lisa will contact Acting Police Chief
- Skipped discussion about family's involvement on Board, etc. as that issue was cleared up with e-mails
- PR Goals were discussed. Richard Rodriguez wanted to know how much Sean (sean@prguyonline.com) Horrigan is charging for pr help. Eva Rajczyk will find out all the details when she calls him. Right now, she is waiting to receive filled-in surveys from Board members.
- Daniel Rajczyk brought up the possibility of using box.org to share our files, etc. According to their Website, Box.org's mission is to help nonprofit organizations like ours be more productive and collaborative in achieving their mission. "By providing access to the best-in-class cloud technology, we strive to provide the simplest, but most powerful solution to store content, share files and collaborate on their most important ideas." Members were not 100% convinced about using this storage and sharing system although they do offer 10 free account. We agreed to revisit this at a later time.
- Tom Wood told us of the vigil that will be held in Boston in support of all children and disabled who have died at the hands of their caretakers; he will send info via e-mail.

Next meeting: March 16, 2015 (6:45 – 8:45 PM) at LPL, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA – new Board applicants will be invited to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva

Eva Rajczyk
Secretary