

Monthly Board Meeting

April 20, 2015

The monthly meeting was held at the The Claddagh Pub and Restaurant at 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 and began at 7:15 PM.

Attending: Angelica "Toni" Acevedo, James Patrick O'Donoghue, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, Richard Rodriguez, Tom "Woody" Wood, and Rachael Chambers-Stanley via phone

MINUTES

A motion was made and voted on to accept the minutes of March 16, 2015 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance	\$599.34
Deposit	\$715.00
Total	\$1,314.34
Disbursements	-\$10.00
Total	\$1,304.34

In-kind Donation \$53.00 (Adam & Eva Rajczyk – folders and folder tabs)

A motion was made and voted on to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Adam Rajczyk and file it for audit.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

No new prospects for Board Members

FUNDRAISING

- a. Fundraising ideas – there was much discussion about the need for funds and how to go about getting them
 - (1) Rachael indicated that it is difficult to raise funds if we cannot point to anything that we have accomplished
 - (2) We need to get volunteers to do some kind of activity that we can point to
- b. Lisa brought up her idea of Campaign for Asperger Works (based on the National Autistic Society of the United Kingdom's Campaign for Change – see <https://act.autism.org.uk/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=10&ea.campaign.id=34714&ea.tracking.id=EducationalSupport>) to engage our politicians in our campaign for recognition.
 - (1) Lisa suggested having a meet-and-greet to which we would invite the local and state politicians
 - (2) Toni felt that we should go to speak with individual politicians and provide them with information about AWorks

- (3) After much debate, it was decided that we should have our 1st Annual Fundraising Dinner a week before the primaries and invite, beside the general public, the local politicians to attend (although it would be a good idea to invite as many politicians as possible). Many felt that with elections looming, the politicians would want to be seen at such a gathering.

OTHER

- a. Communication – Once more the issue of communication was brought up by Daniel, especially the importance of everyone using their AWorks account since all information and requests are being disseminated through that account.
 - (1) Both James and Richard indicated that they, too, would like to have an AWorks account.
 - (2) Daniel also requested that people should answer e-mails which call for some sort of action.
- b. Eva passed out copies of the section of the Bylaws dealing with conflicts of interest, since we have had discussion about this in the past and not everyone clear as to what constitutes a conflict.
- c. Woody asked if he could invite two members of ASAN to come to our May meeting as observers. Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea – especially since Daniel paid them a visit as well.
- d. Rachael and Eva agreed that they will set up a time to meet to go over the grant process and that they will arrange such a meeting via e-mail.
- e. Eva indicated that she tried to get in touch with BBB-MA to no avail – inquiry was not answered. Both Daniel and Tony said that they had found an application form online at the BBB-MA site and Eva said that she would look into it.
- f. Eva presented the Board with her report on the meetings that Lisa, Daniel, and she had with Joan Kulash of Jericho Road (Lawrence), including her recommendations.
 - (1) It would be a good idea to have a Board-training session that Jericho Road would be happy to provide.
 - (a) We discussed this proposal with no definitive agreement as to whether or not the Board would like to do this.
 - (2) We should attend as many events as possible to be recognized in the community. We should postpone our fundraising dinner until September by which time we would be better known. (see Fundraising b (3) above)
 - (3) We should postpone our 5K walk until Spring 2016
 - (a) This was greeted with enthusiasm especially when we decided to have it at the beginning of April as our activity during Autism Month.
 - (b) We set the date for Saturday, April 2nd.
- g. Eva reported on her meeting with Tim Coco
 - (1) Tim would be willing to print our brochures for cost, probably between \$100 - \$150 for 1000.
 - (2) He invited Daniel and Woody to be on his [Open Mike Show](#) on May 4, 2015.
- h. Adam reported on our attendance at the SEPAC Resource Fair.
- i. Toni reported on arranging a meeting with DDS (Department of Developmental Services)

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Earth Day – Saturday, April 25, 2015 – Haverhill & Lawrence (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Board Meeting – Monday, May 18, 2015 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) at

SALSA Fiesta/Kite Festival – Saturday, June 6, 2015

2015 Hispana Parade: Sunday, June 14, 2015

Summerfest 2015: June 20, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Eva

Eva Rajczyk

Secretary