

Monthly Board Meeting

December 21, 2015

The monthly meeting was held at the Northeast Independent Living Program Center at 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence, MA 01843 and began at 7:15 PM.

Attending: Andrew DeCarlo, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, and Tom "Woody" Wood

MINUTES

A motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk and seconded by Andrew DeCarlo to accept the minutes of November 16, 2015 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance (as of 10/30 Bank Statement)	\$4,039.42
Deposit	
Total	\$4,039.42
Disbursements	<u>-\$ 118.24</u>
Total	\$3,921.18

A motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk and seconded by Andrew DeCarlo to accept the treasurer's report as presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk and file it for audit. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

5K WALK/RUN UPDATE

1. Andrew DeCarlo reported on making a small change in the route. He will send the new route description to Daniel so that he could share it with Lt. Conway, our liaison with the Lawrence Police Department.
2. Lisa Rajczyk said that she will contact the Chief of Police to see if there is a way around having to pay the necessary police officers (2) at the event.
3. Inasmuch as everyone present at this Board Meeting was present at the 5K Planning Meeting of December 12, any further discussion was postponed until the next Board Meeting on January 18, 2016.

FUNDRAISING

1. Google Ad Grant Update by Rachael – postponed to January meeting
2. United Way of Merrimack Valley – postponed to January meeting because of James' resignation from the Advisory Board

BOARD GOVERNANCE & DEVELOPMENT

1. New Board member, Sean Badoor, will be joining us at our January meeting.
2. The Board accepted James Patrick O'Donoghue's resignation from the Advisory Board, although no one fully understood the reasons behind his resignation.
3. Discussion regarding *Board Governance and Development* was postponed until our January meeting; and once again Eva Rajczyk will forward to Board members the information from the seminar that she attended (sponsored by the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce) for discussion at the January meeting.

TRUST, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND COMMUNICATION

1. It was agreed that when something is shared in confidence, including the inner workings of Asperger Works, the information should not be shared with people from the outside. Tom Wood pointed out that sometimes this is very difficult for Aspies. The topic of discussion was precipitated due to Lisa Rajczyk informing Daniel Rajczyk of a confidential matter, which Daniel shared with Tom Wood, who then shared it with someone outside the organization. Although the intent was to do some good, the sharing of confidential matter outside the organization was not appropriate.
2. It was also discussed and agreed upon that there needs to be a good reason given for not attending a Board Meeting.

OTHER

1. Office space: Daniel Rajczyk submitted our questions to the realtor but has not heard back from him. He will follow up after the Holidays.
2. Appointment at the Claddagh Pub regarding the 5K Walk/Run: Lisa and Eva Rajczyk have an appointment with Mike on December 22, which Lisa will try to postpone for a day at the beginning of January.
3. Eva Rajczyk reported that a donation of \$52-worth of personal and other supplies was given to the Barbara L'Italien's drive to aid local veterans. The items were purchased at the Dollar Tree in Plaistow, thus all of the money went towards the donation – none went towards tax. Since the Board voted to donate \$50-worth of goods, the Rajczyks chose to be responsible for the rest.
4. Tom Wood reported on a couple of connections he made through his church that might benefit people whom we will be serving in the future as far as possible employment is concerned:
 - a. Ken Henderson – Charles River Labs of Wilmington – animal breeding for scientific research
 - b. Lewis Burger – Environmental Research Company
5. Adam Rajczyk reported that Dr. Robert Lasky would be willing to do some vocational training once we will start providing services.
6. There was a discussion about the need for personal stories from the Aspie members of our organization and possibly from people attending the support group in order to be more successful in soliciting donations.
7. Support group

- a. Formative meeting was held on Saturday, December 5
- b. It was agreed that updated flyers ([see attached](#)) will be distributed by Andrew DeCarlo, Daniel Rajczyk, and Tom Wood before the next scheduled meeting of January 2.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eva Rajczyk and seconded by Adam Rajczyk. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AWorks Support Group Meeting – January 2, 2016 – NIPL, 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence (2:00 – 4:00 PM)

AWorks 5K Walk/Run Planning Meeting – January 9, 2016 – 48 Marshland St. Haverhill (11:30 AM – 2:00 PM)

Monthly Meeting – Monday, January 18, 2016 – NILP, 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

AWorks 5K Walk/Run – Sunday, April 3, 2016 – details TBA

Respectfully submitted to the Board,

Eva

Eva Rajczyk
Secretary



Please Join Us for our Monthly Support Group Meeting!
"Let's Put Autism To Work."

Por Favor, Únase a Nosotros Para Nuestra Reunión del Grupo de Apoyo Mensual!
"Pongamos autismo a trabajar."

When/Cuando: First Saturday of each month
Primer Sábado de cada mes

Time/Hora: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Location/ Localización: Northeastern Independent Living Program
20 Ballard Road
Lawrence, MA

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