

Monthly Board Meeting

February 27, 2017

The monthly meeting was held at Pentucket Bank at 1065 Osgood Street, MA 01845 and began at 7:09 PM.

Attending: Marion Donahue, Eric Janowski, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, and Thomas Wood

MISSION STATEMENT

We reviewed the AW Mission Statement to remind us of what our mission is.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Wood and seconded by Marion Donahue to accept the minutes of January 23, 2017 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance (as of 01/31)	\$ 2,457.97
Deposit	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 2,587.97
Disbursements	<u>-\$ 689.09</u>
Total	\$ 1,898.88

A motion was made by Eva Rajczyk and seconded by Tom Wood 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.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Daniel Rajczyk reported that he has been receiving a number of requests for help from outside the state.
- The Board was asked to think about how to handle this and to come back with ideas next meeting in March.

BOARD MEMEBERSHIP

- Daniel Rajczyk introduced our new Board member, Eric Janowski. Eric is an accountant with LitmanGerson Associates, LLP. His goal is to use his talents in the accounting field to help our organization prosper.
- We also reviewed the duties of Board members, including the need for members to have a vested interest in the financial welfare of the organization either through donating according to members' financial means and/or by getting others to donate to the organization.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

- Thomas Wood indicated that he will not be able to participate this year. So, we will apply to march without a vehicle.

- The Parade will be held on March 11, 2017 and it is hoped that Board and Advisory members will participate.

DINNER OF HOPE

- Eva Rajczyk reported that the final tally of all the votes regarding the theme resulted in "breaking barriers to employment."
- Marion Donahue volunteered to head the Dinner Committee this year.
- There was a discussion as to who we will honor this year.
 - Tom Wood nominated Finn Gardner – a member of ASAN and a very active person in the Autism/Asperger community. He was charged to get in touch with Finn and report back to the committee (if it will meet before the next Board meeting) or to the Board meeting in March. We had did plan on honoring him last year, but he never responded to our letter and e-mails.
 - Eva Rajczyk nominated Lysbeth Noyes of Community InRoads (formerly Jericho Road of Lawrence) to be recognized for all her help on behalf of our organization.
 - It was also suggested that we may want to recognize Community Works for all they do for disabled people.
 - Board and Advisory members were asked to think about what organization and who else we would be honoring.
- There was also a discussion regarding the keynote speaker. A number of people were suggested:
 - Elizabeth Warren
 - Steven Tyler of Aerosmith
 - Bernie Sanders
 - Tim Coco of WHAV
- Question: Should we have a silent auction? What would we auction?
- Eva Rajczyk is working on the sponsorship packets and requested that everyone provide her with at least three businesses (business name, contact person, address).

SUPPORT GROUP

- Tom Wood reported that on this month's meeting there were only two people present: Daniel Rajczyk and he.
- Daniel Rajczyk reported that the online MeetUp group is now closed since it is not free and it is not cost-effective to renew. There are over forty people who signed up, but this has not translated to people actually attending in-person meetings.
- Eva Rajczyk reported that she formed a closed (by approval only) group on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WatercoolerLive/> and invited all the MeetUp members to join the group. This group can help spread the word about the in-person support group meetings.
- Eva Rajczyk also reported that she has been advertising the support group meetings on Facebook and on Twitter.
- There was a discussion about how to get more people to attend the meetings
 - Each meeting should have a theme, something specific to be discussed
 - AWorks could possibly sponsor some social activities
- Tom Wood also wanted us to make sure that we let everyone know that the meetings are meant for any Aspie 18 years and over.

OTHER

- Marketing
 - Eric Janowski said that we need to market our organization more aggressively and agreed to help out with Facebook, etc.
 - Eva Rajczyk said that she will try to get in touch with Tim Coco and go on his Monday night show. She will also ask him to order more brochures.
 - Eva Rajczyk also informed everyone that she would be ordering business cards.
- Daniel Rajczyk said that he will speak with Dan Hnatio regarding the videos he shot last year before the Dinner. He also said that he has an edited version of the video we viewed at the Dinner last year – it's better in quality, etc. He indicated that he would get this to Eva Rajczyk so that she could post it on YouTube and on our Website.

Marion Donahue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Eric Janowski and was unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting formally adjourned at 8:42 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AWorks Support Group Meeting–Saturday, March, 4 2017–NIPL, 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence (2:00 – 4:00 PM)

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Saturday, March 11, 2017–exact location in Lawrence TBA (from 11:00 AM)

Monthly Meeting – Monday, March 20, 2017 – 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

Minutes respectfully submitted to the Board by,

Eva

M. Eva Rajczyk
Board Secretary