

# Asperger Works

## Monthly Board Meeting

March 20, 2019

The monthly meeting was held at 60 Island Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 and began at 6:42 PM.

Attending: Marion Donahue, Rachel McMeen (via Skype), Karen Merrill, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, and Linda Thomson

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Thomson and seconded by Lisa Rajczyk to accept the minutes of February 20, 2019 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to difficulties with online banking, the treasurer's report was not available and reporting is postponed until the April meeting.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Daniel Rajczyk reported on his and Eva Rajczyk's meeting with the North East Arc. It was their conclusion that the meeting was basically a waste of time. The CEO of Arc spent most of the time telling them that, although our organizations efforts were noble and to be commended, our chance of success in getting funding, etc. is next to nil. Both Daniel and Eva had the feeling that, since they will be offering employment services to Aspergian adults in the near future, they wanted us to become part of their organization rather than partner with them.

### DINNER OF HOPE

We spent a large part of the meeting discussing the coming dinner.

- Rachel McMeen indicated that her efforts are to concentrate on raffle items
  - She contacted Flag Hill Winery who donated wine tasting and winery tour for 10 people worth \$200.00
  - Peabody Essex Museum donated 4 entrance tickets worth \$80.00
  - Dunkin' Donuts will be donating a basket worth between \$30 and \$50
- Tom Kulesa will be getting gift certificates to restaurants – total value unknown at this time
- Linda Thomson
  - Received a gift card for \$100.00 from a pizza shop
  - Indicated that there will be other orders for ads arriving by end of week
- Marion Donahue
  - Will be donating a gift basket worth between \$50 to \$100

- Will try to get some gift certificates from area restaurants
- Karen
  - Will be talking to Western Studios to see if they can give something for the raffle
  - Got a gift certificate from Bahama Breeze worth \$30.00
  - Will be donating a scratch-ticket board worth \$100.00
- Eva Rajczyk
  - Reported that she sent out 78 invitations to the dinner
  - Sent out 94 letter and email queries for ads
  - Also sent out 32 written and email requests for raffle donations
  - Was contacted by KBK Sports who would like to do a silent auction of autographed sports memorabilia
    - We would receive 70% of whatever they make minus the pay of one attendant
    - Would be willing to help auction our items as well and they would not charge us – so, we will be able to keep 100% of those sales
- Daniel Rajczyk
  - Reported on having placed an ad on our LinkedIn page and that we have a heavy presence on Facebook
  - He and Lisa Rajczyk will be meeting with a potential volunteer - a videographer on Wednesday to discuss his availability to video the dinner
- Lisa Rajczyk reported that she has recruited a volunteer for the evening who will also help with disseminating information about us and the dinner

We agreed to have the silent auction run by KBK Sports and to auction off all of the large value items instead of having two types of raffles.

So basically, we will have a raffle, a silent auction, and a 50/50.

Eva reported that most of the speakers are onboard, with the exception of the presenter of the Community Service Award and the two mayors.

Eva and Daniel will be appearing on the “Open Mike Show” on WHAV on Monday to promote the dinner and to talk about Asperger’s Syndrome and our organization.

Eva will amend the event on Facebook to inform people of the KBK auction. She will also do a boost

Karen Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Marion Donahue and was unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting formally adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted to the Board by

*Eva*

M. Eva Rajczyk

Board Secretary