

Asperger Works

Monthly Board Meeting

September 9, 2019

The monthly meeting was held at 60 Island Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 and began at 6:45 PM.

Attending: Marion Donahue, Karen Merrill, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, and Lisa Rajczyk

MINUTES

A motion was made by Marion Donahue and seconded by Adam Rajczyk to accept the minutes of July 17, 2019 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Karen Merrill and seconded by Marion Donahue to accept the Treasurer's Reports for July, August, and September as presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk. The Board voted unanimously to accept and file for audit.

EVENTS PARTICIPATION

Lisa Rajczyk brought up the issue of Board participation at different events. For instance, when Asperger Works was represented at the GLCAC, it was the Rajczyk family and our Chinese volunteers who attended. We did not participate in this year's Bread & Roses event because no one outside of the family volunteered to man our table. Usually, we attend two parades: the Santa Parade in Haverhill in December and the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Lawrence in March, but again those activities are in jeopardy due to lack of Board participation.

PHONE SYSTEM QUOTE

We discussed replacing our phone system with one that is cheaper than the one we have through Verizon. It is also more of what we need. Adam Rajczyk will call Verizon to see if we could cancel our contract with them since the system was misrepresented and does not work as smoothly as expected.

UPDATE ON CHINESE VOLUNTEERS

Eva Rajczyk reported on this summer's Chinese volunteers. We had six volunteers this summer. Two of the six were golden, as all of our volunteers before. However, the other four, although very nice young people, were really not very helpful. They had problem with not just spoken English, but also with written English. One of the girls was so terrified of dogs that when we had a farewell dinner for one of the volunteers, we had to lock our dog away.

Eva indicated that she will be contacting the program organizer to let her know that any student assigned to us must have a good working knowledge of written English and should not be afraid of dogs.

UPDATE ON VOLUNTEERS

Lisa Rajczyk reported that we have a brand-new volunteer, a young man from New Hampshire, who shows much promise. We discussed at length Mario and our difficulties with him both as a volunteer and as a client.

OTHER

- Eva Rajczyk made a motion, which was seconded by Karen Merrill and Marion Donahue, to bring Lisa Rajczyk back on the Board. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

Eva Rajczyk 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 7:31 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2019.

Minutes respectfully submitted to the Board by

Eva

M. Eva Rajczyk

Board Secretary