

# Asperger Works

## Monthly Board Meeting

January 6, 2020

The monthly meeting was held at 60 Island Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 and began at 6:39 PM.

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

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk and seconded by Susie Resendes to accept the minutes of November 7, 2019 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk with correction of the date of next month's meeting to February 3, 2020. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Eva Rajczyk and seconded by Lisa Rajczyk to accept the treasurer's report of December 2, 2019 as presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk. The Board voted unanimously to accept.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Daniel Rajczyk reported that he will be attending an Asperger-related conference sponsored by AANE on Saturday, January 11, 2020 and will report on it at our next meeting.

### MONTHLY PAYMENT FOR PRINTER RENTAL

- Aside from Tom Kulesa, everyone is up-to-date in their contribution of \$10.00 a month towards the printer rental
- Susie Resendes will send the necessary forms/address to members to facilitate contribution.

### VOLUNTEERS

- Eva Rajczyk reported on the student volunteers from China. From January 16 through March 1 there will be three students working with our organization.
- Rachel McMeen proposed that Kevin Heaton should work on organizing spreadsheet for Dinner of Hope and also proposed working with our Chinese volunteers on organizing raffle with a meeting scheduled for January 25.

## **FUNDRAISING**

The Board discussed the need for fundraising other than just the Dinner of Hope. A number of ideas were discussed and members present volunteered to look into various options.

- The idea of calendars was brought up again. Eva Rajczyk will check into costs at various companies and report back to Board at our next meeting.
- Karen Merrill will check into the feasibility of having a 50/50 raffle and/or a monthly drawing (a person would buy one number for a year; monthly drawing with big winner at end of year).
- Once more the idea of selling T-shirts on our Website and on social media came up.
  - Adam Rajczyk volunteered to research cost of printing and will present findings to the Board at our next meeting.
  - It was decided that everyone will suggest as to what quote or image should be on the shirt by no later than our next meeting.

## **DINNER OF HOPE, 2020**

There was a discussion as to what we needed to do to increase attendance and who we would be honoring this year. Eva Rajczyk reported that she contacted Michael Middleton of Maria's and that the date for our dinner is reserved.

- We need to come up with this year's theme. Each member will bring an idea to next month's meeting when we will vote on the one we like best. Past years' themes were:
  - 2015 - none
  - 2016, "Thinking Outside the Box"
  - 2017-2018, "Breaking Barriers to Employment"
  - 2019, "Aspies, the Untapped Expertise America Needs"
- We agreed that we should all distribute our "Save the Date" flyer on social media (even if we already did so) and email to our friends and acquaintances.
- We also agreed that everyone will try to get dinner sponsors and solicit ads for our dinner booklet
- Eva Rajczyk will contact sponsors and donors from last year.
- Marion Donahue and Susie Resendes will present sponsorship request to Pentucket Bank this month.
- Eva Rajczyk will contact Enterprise Bank for sponsorship and she will also contact her friend Jane Thiefels regarding writing a press release.

- Once more we will have a silent auction through KB Sports, raffle of smaller items, and a 50/50 raffle.
- Honorees & Speakers
  - Keynote Speaker – Lori Trahan – Eva Rajczyk contacted office and is waiting for response
  - Bryan Noble Award – Greta Thunberg – Eva Rajczyk contacted her through Facebook – no response yet
  - We need suggestions from members for the Community Service Award (organization) and the Asperger Works Award
  - Suggestion from Daniel Rajczyk was to invite Aspergian advocate and author John Elder Robinson as either a speaker or as a presenter.
  - Eva Rajczyk will contact Tim Coco regarding his reprisal of his master of ceremonies role. She will also contact Bill Macek for appearance on Open Mike.

## **OTHER**

- We were scheduled to have a speaker, Ralph Galen, but he did not come to the meeting. He was to have discussed his idea of having a benefit concert.
- Eva Rajczyk said that she will ask our volunteer Evan Donovan to add various email account to each member's primary account for easy access.

Lisa Rajczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Susie Resendes and was unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting formally adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted to the Board by

*Eva*

M. Eva Rajczyk

Board Secretary

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monthly Meeting	February 3, 2020
Dinner of Hope	April 18, 2020