

Asperger Works

Monthly Board Meeting

March 2, 2020

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

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Susie Resendes and seconded by Lisa Rajczyk to accept the minutes of February 3, 2020 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Susie Resendes and seconded by Marion Donahue to accept the treasurer's report of March 2, 2020 as presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk. The Board voted unanimously to accept.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Daniel Rajczyk had no new information to share.

FUNDRAISING AND DINNER OF HOPE

- Calendars
 - Susie Resendes called all the companies on the list generated by Eva Rajczyk to inquire about whether or not they give discounts to nonprofits. (See attached sheet)
 - VistaPrint gives the largest discount (33% up to \$200), but may still be costlier than others. Sometimes using the promo code is more beneficial (up to 50% discount)
 - Susie will contact companies to see if they can send us sample calendars
 - Susie also suggested that we should hold an photo/art contest on Facebook to determine the pictures that would appear each month. April would be reserved for a picture from the Dinner of Hope.
 - We would be looking to run this fundraiser probably in the fall
- T-Shirts
 - Everyone liked the design of the T-shirts developed by one of our Chinese volunteers, Qingquan Li.

- T-shirts will have graphic designed by Qingquan along with our theme, “Believe in what makes you shine” and our website URL
- There was a discussion of selling the Tees at our dinner or at least having one black and one white as raffle items and advertisement for orders. It was suggested that we can have order forms at the dinner so people can put in their orders.
- Important to find out what each company’s turnaround time is
- Cost of tees to help determine how much we would be selling them for
 - What is the shipping and handling costs by the companies producing the tees.
 - Also, we need to know the shipping costs on our side
- Dinner Sponsorship
 - Pentucket Bank -- \$500
 - Enterprise Bank – \$250
 - Eva Rajczyk contacted both Columbia Gas and Waste Management, but had not heard back yet.
- Benefit Concert
 - Ralph Galen, a promoter from Lawrence, dropped by to tell us about a concert fundraiser by Matt Savage
 - Matt Savage is an autistic savant jazz pianist (<https://www.savagerecords.com/>) who might be interested in putting on a benefit show for us.
 - His mentor is John Funkhouser (http://johnfunkhouser.com/fh_bios.php), a teacher at Berklee College of Music and a jazz enthusiast and performer
 - Things to consider
 - Venue – possibly Maria’s
 - Need for advertisers
 - Need for donors
 - Transportation
 - Daniel Rajczyk to be contact person from our organization
 - Susie Resendes expressed what we all felt that this would be a good thing, especially if we could make it an annual event
 - We all agreed that if we were to do this, it would have to be after Labor Day possibly before October. This would allow us to work on publicity, etc. after our dinner
- Eva Rajczyk brought up the fact that political comedian, Jimmy Tingle (<https://jimmytingle.com/>) does benefit performances.
 - Everyone felt that she should contact him to see if he would be interested in doing a benefit show for us.

- Possible venue would be China Blossom
- It was recommended that we send an invitation to Vilma Martinez Dominguez, who is running for Mayor of Lawrence.
- Follow-up on invitees and speakers
 - Susie Resendes will contact The Professional Center for Child Development
 - Lisa Rajczyk will contact Christina Minnicucci
 - Adam Rajczyk will contact Mayor Jim Fiorentini
 - Eva Rajczyk will contact Bill Macek, Linda Dean Campbell, and Andy Vargas
- Eva Rajczyk will send copies of letters to invitees to Board members.
- Members would also like to have copies of last year's advertisers and raffle donors email lists

OTHER

Eva Rajczyk brought up three possible visibility events in the next few weeks

- St Patrick's Day Parade – March 14 – Neither Susie Resendes nor Marion Donahue are available
- Haverhill SEPAC Resource Fair – April 7 – Most Board members are unavailable
- Methuen SEPAC Resource Fair – April 26 – All members voted to attend as Marion Donahue, Susie Resendes, and all the Rajczyks will be able to attend

Susie Resendes 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 8:22 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted to the Board by

Eva

M. Eva Rajczyk

Board Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES

Dinner Meeting	March 18, 2020	Rajczyk Home	6:30 PM
Monthly Meeting	April 6, 2020	60 Island Street	6:30 PM
Dinner of Hope	April 18, 2020	85 Essex Street	6:00 PM