

Asperger Works

Monthly Board Meeting

August 3, 2020

The monthly meeting was held virtually using the Zoom app and began at 6:35 PM.

Attending: Tom Kulesa (via phone), Karen Merrill, Josiah Morrow, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, and Susie Resendes

MINUTES

A motion was made by Josiah Morrow and seconded by Susie Resendes to accept the minutes of July 6, 2020 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled until next month.

FUNDRAISING

- T-shirt sale
 - Susie Resendes will look into cost and discounts at VistaPrint.
 - In conjunction with that, she suggested that we might also want to consider the sale of masks due to COVID-19.
 - We also discussed that rather than selling T-shirts, we should actually promote donations that would be rewarded with T-shirts or masks.
- Virtual Fundraising concert featuring Matt Savage
 - Daniel Rajczyk tried to contact local promoter Ralph Galen to see whether Matt would be willing to do a virtual concert on behalf of AWorks but did not hear back.
 - We all agreed to table the idea for the time being.
- Virtual Fundraiser
 - Josiah Morrow reported that he did a lot of research about this type of fundraiser, but we are equipped to handle such an event successfully at this time.
 - We need to have both live and recorded portions, which is tricky at best.
 - We discussed using Zoom, YouTube Live, and Facebook Live and decided that we should do something like this in the future.
- Online Fundraiser – Un-Dinner
 - Everyone agreed that this would be doable
 - Eva Rajczyk has already designed a website for it at <https://nongala.aspergerworks.org>. She invited everyone to feel free to critique it ASAP.

- Date of the event was discussed. Eva suggested August 15th, but many felt that it was too soon and we would not have enough time to promote it.
- It was suggested by Karen Merrill that we postpone it until August 29th and everyone at the meeting agreed.
- Tom Kulesa suggested that since we have a great need for funding, we should say that anyone who donates \$25 by August 15th will receive a T-shirt. After the 15th, only those who donate \$30 or more would get one. We all agreed that this was a good idea and Eva will make the appropriate changes on the Website.

NEWSLETTER

Susie Resendes will send out a newsletter about our fundraiser as soon as all the details are ironed out.

OTHER

- Haverhill Commission on Disabilities Scholarship Awards Night
 - Josiah Morrow informed the group about the Haverhill Commission on Disabilities Scholarship Awards Night on August 4th at 7:00 PM, which AWorks was invited to sponsor.
 - The event will celebrate two young men – see <https://www.facebook.com/events/766795393860623/> and people will be asked to make donations to AWorks!
 - Josiah will send the Zoom invitation to all Board members
 - It may or may not be live but will be recorded either way.
- There was a major discussion of our financial condition initiated by Tom Kulesa after Eva Rajczyk asked the Board whether or not it would be a good idea to borrow money from our reserve account.
 - Eva reported that we have approximately \$560 in our bank account, but our monthly expenses exceed \$600.
 - There were a number of suggestions made:
 - We should stop the lease of the printer
 - We should cancel our phone service with Verizon and replace it with a free Google phone account
 - We should end our lease of the office space on Island Street since no one will be using it in the foreseeable future.
 - The termination of the above 3 would save our organization over \$550 a month.
 - Eva agreed to send everyone documents related to the three contracts for Board members to look at and work on. She will share the documents both in an email and on TEAMS.

- Everyone also agreed that we will probably continue to have virtual Zoom meeting even once we get beyond COVID-19. This makes it easier for people who are not living in the Greater Lawrence area to participate.

Karen Merrill 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:	Virtual Monthly Meeting	September 14, 2020	6:30 PM
	Early phase of Un-Dinner	September 15, 2020	
	Un-Dinner Fundraiser	September 29, 2020	