

# Asperger Works

## Monthly Board Meeting

March 1, 2021

The monthly meeting was held virtually using the Zoom app and began at 6:44 PM.

Attending: Marion Donahue, Josiah Morrow, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, Susie Resendes, and Andrea Watson

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Josiah Morrow and seconded by Daniel Rajczyk to accept the minutes of January 4, 2021 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Josiah Morrow and seconded by Andrea Watson to accept the Treasurer's Report of February 1, 2021 as presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Our newest Advisory Board member is Andrea Watson. She will be submitting her bio and picture for our Website within a day or two and her main trust will be acquiring sponsors and donors.

### NEW OFFICE SPACE

- Josiah Morrow reported on our new office space that will be located at the First [Presbyterian Church](#) located at *346 Broadway, Haverhill, MA*.
- Josiah was instrumental in acquiring the space, a relatively bright spacious room near the main entrance to the church.
- The monthly lease will be \$120.00.

### FUNDRAISING

- Dinner of Hope
  - It was agreed that the dinner will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021
  - Eva Rajczyk will contact Maria's Banquet Room to reserve the space as well as Flash Drive to provide the music, Steph Beach to provide the entertainment, and Tim Coco to reprise his role of MC.
  - Andrea Watson volunteered to find us more sponsors that would pay for the cost of the dinner.

- There was a discussion about cost of tickets, but that will be revisited at a later time.
- Online auction
  - At our last meeting, Eva Rajczyk mentioned receiving email from Mallory Portraits of New Hampshire ([www.malloryportraits.com](http://www.malloryportraits.com)) asking if we would be interested in having them make an auction item donation to our organization. She followed up with them regarding their proposal:
    - The value of the auction item is \$250.
    - All proceeds from the auction would go to Asperger Works.
    - All they ask is that the winner place a post about Mallory Portraits on their social media sites.
  - At our last meeting, Marion Donahue indicated that she will contact a friend whose company has done online auctions to learn how to do it. Hopefully, she will be able to report on this at our next meeting.
- Photography fundraiser
  - At our last meeting, Susie Resendes suggested that we hold a photography fundraiser (see <https://www.thefrontstepsproject.com/>).
  - She plans on contacting photographers she knows to see if any would be available to participate.
- Giving Day – March 30, 2021
  - Andrea Watson suggested that we all participate in this fundraiser.
  - Eva Rajczyk will contact her for details and disseminate same to others on our team.
- GoFundMe
  - At our last meeting, Eva Rajczyk said that she will revisit GoFundMe for nonprofits to see what we need to do including Eva making a short video as mother of a person on the Spectrum.
  - She will report on this at next month's meeting.

## NEWSLETTER

- Susie Resendes will be highlighting donations to our Un-gala fundraiser.
- She will also feature Mario Marquez, the one client who has stuck by us through thick and thin both as a volunteer and as a client.
- She will mention of new Advisory Board members.
- She will also feature our office – before and after – as well as the new office.
- She will also add a teaser for our Dinner of Hope.

## OTHER

- Board presidency
  - Daniel Rajczyk resigned his role as President of the Board due to lack of adequate time to do a good job.

- Daniel made a motion to elect Josiah Morrow as the new Board president. Eva Rajczyk seconded the motion.
- The Board unanimously elected Josiah as its new president.
- Eva Rajczyk reported that she submitted an application for the Open Door Grant by the Boston Foundation. She received an email on January 27, 2021 that the grant application was accepted. Grants are \$50,000 general operating support grants paid out in two 12-month installments of \$25,000. They are highly competitive and our chance of getting the grant is about 17%.
- Daniel Rajczyk mentioned that it would be a good idea if we would make some short films about Asperger Works/Asperger's Syndrome at LCAT studios in Lawrence.
- Eva Rajczyk mentioned that she was prepared to do some regular short program at Haverhill Community Media but COVID-19 interfered. She will contact Darlene Beal, the ED of HC Media, as soon as they are open again.

Eva Rajczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Daniel Rajczyk 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

<b>IMPORTANT DATE(S):</b>	Giving Day	March 30, 2021
	Virtual Monthly Meeting	April 5, 2021 6:30 PM
	Dinner of Hope	October 2, 2021