

Asperger Works

Monthly Board Meeting

June 14, 2021

The monthly meeting was held in person at 346 Broadway, Haverhill with some joining it virtually using the Zoom app. It was called to order by Josiah Morrow at 6:31 PM.

Attending: Josiah Morrow, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, and Diana Zawil.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Adam Rajczyk and seconded by Daniel Rajczyk to accept the minutes of May 3, 2021 as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk and seconded by Eva Rajczyk to accept the Treasurer's Report of June 14, 2021 as presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept and file for audit.

FUNDRAISING

- Fundraising possibilities with [Chunky's](#) was once more brought up by Eva Rajczyk (see last month's minutes)
 - There was no real consensus whether to go ahead with it or not
 - Eva will send everyone the link for these possible fundraisers
 - Daniel Rajczyk mentioned that there could be other possibilities closer to the Haverhill area and everyone agreed to do some research
- Daniel mentioned that Tom Spitalere will be holding a fundraiser for us at Hilldale Cemetery on June 26, 2021 starting at 7:00 PM with all proceeds being donated to AWorks.
 - Diana Zawil volunteered to create a flyer for it
 - Daniel will send Diana all the details

DINNER OF HOPE

- Honorees:
 - Bryan Noble Award: Yvonne Christian – Eva Rajczyk contacted her but has not heard anything back
 - AWorks Award: TBA
 - Community Service Award: The Professional Center for Child Development – Eva sent a letter inviting them
- Keynote Speaker: U.S. Representative Lori Trahan

- There was a conversation to find a well-known person who is not a politician, but no one present knows anyone
- A motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk, seconded by Diana Zawil and voted on unanimously for Eva to send an invitation to Lori Trahan
- Once more we will have a silent auction featuring [KBK Sports](#).
 - Donations for the auction from AWorks team members (and others) promised so far
 - Large painting by Diana Zawil (value \$400)
 - A painting class run by Diana Zawil
 - A large decorative pillow crocheted by Eva Rajczyk
 - Mallory Portraits – one sitting (value \$250)
 - Tom Spitalere from LCAT is planning to donate an item
 - We need to have raffle items (<https://aspergerworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Asperger-Works-Raffle-Donation-Request-1.pdf>)
 - We need to contact various businesses for advertising in our booklet – Eva will send everyone the ad-size sheet and form (can be also found on our website: <https://aspergerworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Ad-Order-Form-1.pdf>)
 - We also agreed to have a 50/50 raffle

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

- Susie Resendes has resigned from the Board and will not be working on the newsletter.
- Eva Rajczyk has volunteered to take over the newsletter and did send out one in May. The planned release of the next one is in August.

OPEN HOUSE

- The Open House was rather successful with between 20 to 25 attendees, some from the Asperger's community.
- Ads were run on FB and Twitter
- WHAV ran community service announcements that reached people as far as Maynard, MA
- Richard Rodriguez wrote a very nice press release and submitted it to **Rumbo** for publication – Eva Rajczyk will forward a copy to all Board and Advisory members.
- Eva is working on the Open House page for our Website – should have it ready by midweek.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

The departure of Susie Resendes has left the Board with only 6 active members and 1 inactive, which necessitates finding additional members

- Josiah Morrow and Eva Rajczyk will make an appointment with the new GHCC CEO, Irene Haley, about finding board members

- Daniel Rajczyk will talk with Michael Bevilacqua, VP of the MVCC about our board-member search
- Diana Zawill will approach a friend of hers to see if she would be interested in joining the Board

OTHER

- A PSA was created by Mike Jarvis of Jarvis Productions featuring Josiah Morrow.
 - There have been already 400+ views on FB thanks to Josiah boosting it.
 - Eva will upload it on YouTube and will send everyone the link
 - It was suggested that a link to the video should also be place in the newsletter
- Eva Rajczyk reminded everyone that the video of our first program on LCAT on YouTube is available for viewing: <https://youtu.be/c3Xh8miFJ3A>.
 - She shared the schedule for the next two programs:
 - Interview with Josiah Morrow & Daniel Rajczyk
 - Recounting of what life is like for an Aspie
 - From a male view: Tom “Woody” Wood will handle this probably via Zoom
 - From a female view: So far, we don’t have anyone and are looking

Adam 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

IMPORTANT DATES:

Ghost Walk (Hilldale Cemetery)	June 26, 2021	7:00 PM – Meet & Greet
<i>Fundraiser for AWorks</i>		8:00 PM – Ghost Walk
Monthly Meeting	July 5, 2021	6:30 PM (<i>in-person and virtual</i>)
Dinner of Hope Ticket Sale	July 1, 2021 – October 7, 2021	
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