

# Asperger Works

## Monthly Board Meeting

July 6, 2021

The monthly meeting was held in person at 346 Broadway, Haverhill with one person joining it virtually using the Zoom app. It was called to order by Josiah Morrow at 6:41 PM.

Attending: Josiah Morrow, Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, and Linda Thomson.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk and seconded by Adam Rajczyk to accept the minutes of June 14, 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 Linda Thomson to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 6, 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 two months' minutes)
  - Question about how many people would actually attend a comedy night on a Thursday
  - Movie fundraiser would require us to purchase tickets in advance and then sell them – although people could use the tickets any time, there would be too much prep and need for ads, etc.
  - Eva Rajczyk will call Chunky's for more info and to find out if comedy night is open to the public

### DINNER OF HOPE

- Honorees:
  - Bryan Noble Award: Yvonne Christian – she responded and is very happy about the nomination
  - AWorks Award: TBA
  - Community Service Award: The Professional Center for Child Development – Eva sent a letter inviting them but there has been no response. Josiah Morrow indicated that he will give them a call. If there's no commitment, we will need to find another organization such as L'Arche Boston North (<https://larchebostonnorth.org/>)
- Keynote Speaker: U.S. Representative Lori Trahan or Maura Healy

- 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) – members feel that it might be too expensive for people in Haverhill area
    - A painting class run by Diana Zawil (value to be determined)
    - A large decorative pillow crocheted by Eva Rajczyk (advertise value as priceless)
    - Mallory Portraits – one sitting (value \$250)
    - Tom Spitalere from LCAT is planning to donate an item
  - We need to have raffle items (see <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>)
  - It was decided that we will ask Tim Coco to print booklets
  - **All ads to be submitted by no later than the middle of September.**
  - Josiah Morrow will do all the presentations to speed up the process
  - Eva Rajczyk received an email from Mike Scarpa from Flashdrive asking if the duo who contacted us would be able to carry the night since he would have to take time off from work in order to attend the dinner. Eva said that she will approach the duo about this.

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

- Eva Rajczyk has volunteered to take over the newsletter and did send out one in May.
- She will send out the next newsletter in August (maybe July).

## GHOST WALK RECAP

- The Spooktacular Paranormal Walk was very successful with around 50 people in attendance.
- WHAV ran community service announcements two days in a row <https://whav.net/2021/06/24/spooktacular-paranormal-walk-saturday-to-benefit-asperger-works/>, <https://whav.net/2020/10/09/hilldale-cemetery-plans-spooktacular-guided-ghost-hunt-saturday-night/>) and there was even an article in the Eagle Tribune ([https://www.eagletribune.com/news/merrimack\\_valley/paranormal-walk-planned/article\\_9bda1757-4a53-58a7-8733-276d565de575.html](https://www.eagletribune.com/news/merrimack_valley/paranormal-walk-planned/article_9bda1757-4a53-58a7-8733-276d565de575.html) )

## BOARD RECRUITMENT

- Josiah Morrow has contacted Irene Haley, the new CEO of the Greater Haverhill Chamber. She wanted to know when he and Eva Rajczyk can meet with her via Zoom during the coming week.
- Josiah and Eva will arrange the meeting and will let members know what transpired.

## OTHER

- Open Door Grant – our application was rejected, but we will try again next time.
- It was suggested that beside asking for Red Sox sponsorship of the Dinner, we should also approach the other MA professional teams as well as the Doug Flutie Foundation (since he has an autistic child)
- Office lease is coming up for renewal on August 31.
  - The church elders are very pleased to have us in the building and it is a pleasant space.
  - It was decided that we should renew the lease for 6-12 months.
  - The elders will be having a meeting next week and Josiah Morrow will let them know of our decision to stay.
  - We will vote on the length of the lease at our August meeting.
- Eva Rajczyk suggested that we should find a way to work with MassHire in order to help our clients (we now have four – maybe five – new clients)

Daniel Rajczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Linda Thomson and was unanimously approved by those present. The meeting formally adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

*Eva*

M. Eva Rajczyk  
Board Secretary

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Dinner of Hope Ticket Sale	July 1, 2021 – October 7, 2021
Monthly Meeting	August 2, 2021      6:30 PM ( <i>in-person and virtual</i> )
Dinner of Hope	October 8, 2021