



## Monthly Board Meeting

Haverhill, MA 01830

ZOOM Meeting

December 5, 2022

The monthly meeting was on ZOOM. Daniel Rajczyk called it to order at 6:35 PM.

Attending: Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, and Tom “Woody” Wood.

### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Adam Rajczyk and seconded by Lisa Rajczyk to accept the minutes of August 1, 2022 (one item in the Consent Agenda) as presented to the Board by Eva Rajczyk. The Board unanimously voted to accept.

**WELCOME GUEST** None

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None currently

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None currently

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Lisa Rajczyk made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports of August 1, September 12, October 8, 7, and December 5, 2022 presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk, and Eva Rajczyk seconded it. The Board unanimously voted to accept the report and file it for audit.

### NEW POLICY PROPOSAL

None currently

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Postponed until January when a special meeting will be called to have Board members work on it

### BOARD COMMENTS

- **Dinner of Hope 2022 Review**

- Adam Rajczyk presented to the Board the financial gains and expenses (see [Final Report](#) and [Expenses](#))
- Although we made a profit of over \$2,000, we didn't sell nearly enough tickets (despite tiered pricing).
- Those who attended said that they liked the intimacy provided by the low number of attendees.
- Everyone liked the DJ, who did a great job.
- Everyone agreed that Joe Bevilacqua did a wonderful job as this year's keynote speaker.
- All the pictures taken at the event are on the [Dinner of Hope 2022](#) site with videos coming as soon as Eva Rajczyk can improve the sound.
- It was decided that we should start working on the event earlier – March – with sending out invitations for sponsorship and advertising as well as locking in the date.
- Tom Wood told us that he has someone in mind for one of the awards and will share name and contact information with us.
- Lisa Rajczyk expressed the opinion that we should find someone who is well-known to be our keynote speaker next year.
- The Board also discussed the best way to get Tom Wood to the 2023 dinner – Eva Rajczyk suggested that Woody invite some church members to attend the dinner, which would provide Woody with transportation.
- **Disability Awareness Month**
  - Celebrated in Lawrence on October 20 by an event organized by newly appointed ADA Coordinator for the City of Lawrence and AWorks Advisor Richard Rodriguez.
    - Greater Lawrence organizations were encouraged to participate by setting up tables with informational literature and were encouraged to make connections.
    - AWorks was represented by Adam & Eva Rajczyk.
    - Representatives of organizations were invited to talk about their organizations, our speaker being Eva.

- We met a young woman from the Point After Club who indicated that she was interested in helping us out by translating our materials (including the Website) to Spanish.
- Because Lawrence Mayor Brian DePeña was not able to attend, representatives of all organizations that attended the Meet-and-Greet were invited to meet with him on November 1.
- Celebrated in Manchester, NH through a Disability Justice Parade and Rally organized by [ABLE of New Hampshire](#).
  - The event was broadcast on [Channel 9 WMUR](#).
  - The opinion was expressed that we should participate next year.
- Discussion about the needs of the disabled in our communities
  - Beside good paying jobs, disabled people, including those on the Spectrum, need improved living conditions.
  - Our discussion was brought on by a potential client who was asking us for help with housing.
  - Daniel Rajczyk suggested that Tom Wood and he get together and compile a list of agencies that help with people's housing needs. Eva Rajczyk will put the information on our Website.
- Daniel Rajczyk reported that he has been appointed to the Lawrence Disability Commission and that he will be formally sworn in on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom Wood asked Daniel and Lisa Rajczyk to join him in a studio shoot on any Tuesday afternoon to talk about AWorks and Asperger's/Autism.

Adam Rajczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Rajczyk and Tom Wood seconded the motion, which those present approved unanimously. The meeting formally adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

*Eva*

M. Eva Rajczyk  
Board Secretary

**IMPORTANT DATES:**      Scheduled Monthly Zoom Meeting    January 9, 2022    6:30 PM