

Monthly Board Meeting

Haverhill, MA 01830

ZOOM Meeting

March 6, 2023

The monthly meeting was on ZOOM. Daniel Rajczyk called it to order at 6:33 PM.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk and seconded by Lisa Rajczyk to accept the minutes of December 5, 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

- Meet-&-Greet to be held ASAP
 - Daniel proposed having this event to either
 - To attract potential Board members or
 - General to (re)introduce our organization to employers from the Greater Merrimack Valley area
 - Adam Rajczyk suggested to hold off recruiting Board members in favor of a general event
 - Tom Wood proposed holding it during April since it is Autism Awareness Month
 - The Board settled on holding it during the week of April 17, 2023.
 - There was a discussion regarding size, location, and cost of event.
 - No more than \$200
 - Up to 25 people
 - Food/bottled water to be supplied through party platters from BJs
 - Daniel Rajczyk to see Mayor DePeña on Friday, March 10 (possibly with Richard Rodriguez) to discuss space for reception
 - Plans to be finalized in April meeting

- Change in meeting schedule
 - Daniel Rajczyk suggested that we change the meeting schedule from the first Monday of the month since we often need to reschedule due to holidays.
 - Daniel Rajczyk motioned to change the meetings from the first Monday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. Lisa Rajczyk & Tom Wood seconded it. The Board unanimously voted on the motion.
 - The new schedule will go into effect in May, 2023.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None currently

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Daniel Rajczyk made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports of January 9, February 6, and March 6, 2023 presented to the Board by Adam Rajczyk, and Tom Wood seconded it. The Board unanimously voted to accept the report and file it for audit.

NEW POLICY PROPOSAL

None currently

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Should include the following:

1. Accomplishments
2. Ongoing interactions with employers
3. Outreach to autism community
4. Programs offered to autism community to assist young adults (18-25) transitioning including readiness training

Eva Rajczyk will type up the formal plan and forward it to Tom Wood for review and comments. The Board will vote on it at our April meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

- **Meeting with Frank Bonet** (ED of Merrimack Valley Workforce Board/MassHire) – report by Eva Rajczyk
 - Richard Rodriguez and Eva Rajczyk met with Mr. Bonet on January 19, 2023
 - Meeting lasted about 1 hour

- Mr. Bonet very supportive because he has someone in his family who is on the Autism Spectrum
- Suggested partnering with MassHire
- **Autism Care Partner Open House – report by Eva Rajczyk**
 - Company moved from Methuen
 - They provide ABA program for young children
 - Although they were pleased to meet AWorks reps (Adam, Daniel, Eva Rajczyk, Richard Rodriguez, & Tom Wood), it is difficult to see what kind of relationship we can develop with them
- **WeCare365 AFC (Adult Foster Care) grant – report by Adam Rajczyk**
 - We received a grant donation of \$1000 through efforts of City of Lawrence – especially that of Mayor Brian DePeña, & Richard Rodriguez
 - Organization works with adults (starting at 16) needing extra support by providing “caregivers and member families with financial relief and... comprehensive services.”
 - Possibility of partnership
- **Dinner of Hope 2023 – Group discussion**
 - Possible date: October 14 (Eva Rajczyk will make arrangements with Maria’s)
 - Tom Wood will contact potential award recipients from the autism community
 - Eva Rajczyk proposed having the mayors of Lawrence and Haverhill give a short speech (maximum 5 minutes).
 - It was decided that Board members will try to find well-know members of the Greater Boston community (possibly with some connection to autism) as our keynote speaker
 - Businesses need to be contacted ASAP
 - Sponsorship
 - Booklet ads

Daniel Rajczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Rajczyk and Tom Wood seconded the motion, which was approved by those present. The meeting formally adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Eva

M. Eva Rajczyk
Board Secretary

Important Dates: April 3, 2023 Monthly Board Meeting at 6:30 PM