

## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Haverhill, MA 01830

ZOOM Meeting

August 2, 2023

The monthly meeting was held on ZOOM. Eva Rajczyk called it to order at 6:40 PM.

Attending: Adam Rajczyk, Daniel Rajczyk, Eva Rajczyk, Lisa Rajczyk, Richard Rodriguez, Tom “Woody” Wood, and State Senator Pavel Payano.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Eva Rajczyk and seconded by Adam Rajczyk to accept the minutes of June 7, 2023 (two items in the Consent Agenda – Minutes and Treasurer’s Report) as presented to the Board by Eva and Adam Rajczyk. The Board voted unanimously to accept both and file the treasurer’s report for audit.

### **WELCOME GUEST**

State Senator Pavel Payano – we asked him if there would be any seed money that the State could give us.

- He suggested that we contact his office for help and/or connection with someone who could help us
- He is working on workforce development including apprenticeship program
- We should schedule meeting with Rosa to set up meeting sometime in September or October re:
  - What we would do with money should we be able to get some from the State
  - What we are doing now
- Contact Diana to schedule meeting

### **PRESIDENT'S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- We need more Board members and volunteers in order to do community service events
- We need to ask Jonathan to help us get into schools to get student volunteers

## **NEW POLICY PROPOSAL**

None currently

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- Motion was made by Daniel Rajczyk and seconded by Lisa Rajczyk accept the Strategic Plan as presented to the Board by Tom Wood and Eva Rajczyk. The Board voted unanimously to accept the Strategic Plan.
- Copy of the Plan will be available on our website under Transparency and Accountability.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Pledge v. Givebutter fundraising platforms –
  - There was a robust discussion regarding the pros and cons of both platforms.
  - Daniel Rajczyk made a motion to go with the Givebutter fundraising platform. Eva Rajczyk seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- Richard Rodriguez reported that when we do text messages, we must give people the option of either accepting or refusing the message to protect everyone's privacy. Daniel Rajczyk indicated that this would be done by Givebutter.
- Office search update
  - Eva Rajczyk reported that she has been in touch with Mayor DePeña's office as well as others.
  - So far, all spaces available have been too large for our needs and too expensive.
  - As a result, we needed to cancel the volunteers from China.
- Dinner of Hope 2023
  - Eva Rajczyk reported that Diana DiZoglio's office responded positively to our invitation to be the recipient of the Bryan Noble Award.
  - Keynote speaker -- Eva reported that Eileen Duff, a member of the Governor's Council, will deliver the keynote address.
  - The Community Service Award will go to WeCare 365 AFP. They will be buying at least 1 table of 8.

- There was a discussion of having Andy Vargas and Christina Minicucci be presenters.
- Last year's DJ is unavailable because he has been stationed in Texas (he is in the armed forces). Eva contacted the band, Flash Drive, and is waiting for a response.
- Once more Lisa Rajczyk impressed on the Board the need for having mini fundraisers. We should start planning some after our dinner.
- Tom Wood told us that ABLE NH will be having a parade on October 14<sup>th</sup> and that it would be good if AWorks would participate. All the details are on ABLE's website under events.

Daniel Rajczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Wood, Richard Rodriguez, and Lisa Rajczyk seconded the motion, which was approved by those present. The meeting formally adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

*Eva*

M. Eva Rajczyk  
Board Secretary

**Important Dates:**

September 6, 2023

October 4, 2023

October 14, 2023

Zoom Board Meeting at 6:30

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Dinner of Hope 2023