



Min Dec 17th, 2015 meeting

Place CGS School Auditorium

Time 7-9pm

Meeting called to order at 700 pm by Lauren Miller, President, and Kristen Bisio Treasurer. President Miller discussed a few updates, starting with donation of baked goods from our craft fair to Methuen Police and Fire dept. Good news was shared by the President regarding her son, John, receiving his black belt and being an advocate for the autism community with a moving speech about having the disability and still succeeding. Also discussed by Kristen Bisio was her son's involvement in Boy Scouts and how good it has been for him .Ms. Bisio also touched on our upcoming recreational and resource fair and some big changes coming this year regarding entertainment Ms Miller brought up that Methuen SEPAC will be having another Xbox Night soon and looking to plan another Jump on In or other event soon.

730 pm , Ms. Miller introduced the night's speaker, Daniel Rajczyk,. Founder and Executive Director of Asperger's Works a 501 (c)3 non profit organization that will help provide employment support for adults with Asperger's Syndrome and other Autism spectrum disorders. Mr. Rajczyk, discussed being diagnosed late with Asperger's Syndrome and how his life was affected. He went on to talk about how we went to college and received his BA in Sociology and his M.A. in Information Tech and went on to have a job in the "real" world. Daniel realized that he wanted to help people similar to his diagnosis and help them find jobs. he started Asperger's Works in 2015 and still needs to get sponsorship to get the business off the ground and start taking clients. Mr. Rajczyk informed us that people with Asperger's and Autism are the highest unemployed among all the disabilities. Providing services in way of job training , mentoring and networking and connecting the right people with the right companies are all items on the agenda for this business. There was a lively discussion with the the audience about the need for such a company and one person exchanged info with the speaker to help her adult son on the spectrum that was recently diagnosed at age 18.