

CIDSO General Membership Meeting
July 19, 2022 6:00PM – virtual via zoom link
Approved on 10.18.22

1. **Call to Order** at 6:05PM by President Deb Presley.
2. **Attendance** – certify quorum (25 members - unchanged). A quorum was declared by Deb. Present: Deb Presley, Shelley Marquis, Diane Crutcher, Bill Crutcher, Kim Weber, Sandy Bauer, Angela Hedican, Michele Newbold, Bethany Romer.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **April 19, 2022 CIDSO meeting** – Motion for Approval was made by Diane Crutcher. Seconded by Shelley Marquis. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **President's Report**
 - a. **Thank you to all who supported the Motorcycle Fundraiser.** Deb shared appreciation for the success of this new venture that Angela took on! Deb highlighted the benefit of reaching additional people who may never have been exposed those with Down syndrome. Members found that interactions were kind and courteous. And also that the participants were generous.
5. **VP Report / IDDC Update** - Diane.
 - a. **IDDC** While previously serving on the IDDC's Resources Committee, Diane is now on the IDDC Advocacy Committee. This committee has set goals, such as how to reach and support those without computers and/or without experience using them. IDDC remains very active and is accomplishing its goals with meeting monthly either in committee or the whole. All of this brings great promise. Sandy Bauer shared that the recent Autism Resource Directory is well done. Deb requested Sandy share it electronically with her - in reference to using it for adding more to our Resources to our website.
 - b. Diane has reviewed and found our website in good order. She accidentally discovered there is a Google "showmelocal" link that has much outdated info about CIDSO. With investigation and persistence, Diane and Bill Crutcher were able to make a few edits: updated Secretary name; info@cidso.org; 309-452-3264. She would like to either get it all corrected or deleted if it can't be corrected. Should anyone have a lead, it would be appreciated.
6. **Treasurer / VP Funds Administrator Report** - Kim
 - a. Kim asked if there were any questions concerning the financial documents. None were presented. She stated that they show: an increase of about 6% over last year/year to date; the income is down a little with less memorial funds for this year; donations are down slightly; the motorcycle fundraiser, at this point, bought over \$5700; PayPal \$1000 plus was transferred over so that the account is ready for the Buddy Walk; Budget items were reviewed. The budget shows \$3,100 year to date to the Enrichment Fund requests.
 - b. **Update on CD** Kim got it put into a new CD that will come due on April 2023. Statements come quarterly and interest is at 1%.

- c. **Bill Collection Notice - Status?** Deb and Kim - A letter/notice was received at the Newbold residence indicating CIDS0 was in debit for \$124 under a PayPal account. Deb did a Google search and learned the company who sent it is a predatory company. Sandy reviewed CIDS0 cell voicemail and found nothing on it concerning this claim. Kim shared some insights pointing to a scam. There was consensus that this is a scam, and unless something further should surface, this is being dropped.
- 7. **Secretary Report** – Sandy reported on 2 solicitation calls: one from a website producer, and the other on fundraiser called 'Pledge It' which uses a peer to peer platform. There was no interest in pursuing these. Kim suggested Sandy can ignore solicitation calls.
- 8. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Buddy Walk Report** (Kim or Angela) Kim has 9/10 at 9m Eastview reserved. Donation letters are printed. Looking for sponsors, and the letters are ready to send. Any members available to help find sponsors, please let Kim or Angela know.
 - b. **Motorcycle Fundraiser** (Angela) Angela expressed the Down for the Ride group is a great group of people with which to work. Since the event was a success, and the Down for the Ride group feels there is good opportunity for growth. Thus, this fundraiser will occur next year!
 - c. **Advocacy** (Sandy) No report.
 - d. **Social Media / Family Outreach / Social** (Angela & Wendy)
 - i. Deb reported for Wendy: Because of fewer members, birthday cards will be coming in under budget even though she will be getting 12 more gift cards to finish out 2022. She has picked up more birthday cards and envelopes.
 - e. **Picnic** (Angela/Bethany) The picnic will be 7/31, 3-6pm at Underwood Park again. It will not be potluck (COVID influence) but Jimmy John's sandwiches and the rest (chips, pop, etc.) will be bought from Sam's to lower the cost. Angela and Bethany will bring yard games.
 - f. **New Parent** (Kim or Angela) – We are going to encourage the new parent committee to make direct contact with families of all new babies.
- 9. **Old Business**
 - a. **Updates to By-Laws and Critical Decision Matrix** – (Wendy).
Deb reported for Wendy: she has looked through some of the Minutes for Bylaw items needing updated and the Critical Decision-Making Matrix. She is still in the 2020 Minutes review.
As Bethany was absent at the last meeting, Deb explained that at that meeting's discussion of the Agenda Bylaws item, Wendy volunteered to take over the task of looking through old Minutes for Bylaw updates, as well as updating the Critical Decision-Making Matrix. When Deb asked Diane to clarify, she said Wendy would send the updated Bylaws and updated Critical Decision-Making Matrix to the Executive Committee.
 - b. **"Poster" story board opportunity** – still looking for volunteers (good spring / summer project)! (Deb) This will be for March 2023. It was noted the Autism group recently had their poster display on Constitution Trail.

- c. **Interest in Library Display for 3/23?** Volunteer? (Deb) There were no offers from the meeting participants.
- d. Golf materials in storage will be purged when the weather improves from heat and humidity.

10. New Business

- a. **Current residential options and seeking community support for expanding residential options** (Deb/Diane) Diane and Deb have talked about the fact that there are only 2 residential options for adults with Down syndrome here in Bloomington/Normal. And such very limited options elsewhere in our area. Deb has discovered a new type of neighborhood residential option started in Minnesota, and now in a few other states. It's an intergenerational community within a real estate development for those with developmental disabilities AND those without who are 55 or older. These older adults can be parents/family members or others. These residential developments have 20-30% of its condos, duplexes, apartments, houses, set aside for individuals with disabilities. This allows the individuals to age together with, yet separately from, their parent(s) while still having the natural supports of the neighborhood residents. Deb sees the easing of the adjustment for our adult children in such an environment when the parent(s) pass on. She noted the stability for adult children in keeping the same home and neighborhood community when their parent(s) die. She is trying to gather momentum with other parents who realize the need to address the future coming soon.

Diane stressed the critical factor is that there are very few options. And even the option of an adult child in group home requires a great deal of the parents for needed attention, advocacy, and intervention on behalf of their loved one.

Someday we will all likely face this... Unless we start creating options NOW.

If want to know more, explore or be active in pursuing such an innovative concept, or other options for those of us living here, reach out to Deb.

Also of note for future planning, when our children move into adulthood, all of their governmental benefits are tied to the state of Illinois. Moving to another state for better residential options will likely come at the cost of the individual losing all their benefits and the need to re-establish benefits with a potential of waiting lists.

- b. **Next meeting:** October 18, 2022 at **6:15** (note slightly later start time) via Zoom.

- 11. Adjourned** at 7:25pm with motion by Diane and seconded by Sandy Bauer. Passed unanimously.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: Adventures Unlimited/Envision Unlimited Short Presentation – Chental Handy and David Pufundt.

Shelley introduced guests, Chental and David and provided some background. Envision Unlimited is a disability provider based in Chicago. However, it has reached out to Bloomington with this specific program – Adventures Unlimited in which Shelley's daughter and another participant from Pontiac attend. However, more participants are needed to sustain the program here.

David explained that Adventures Unlimited is a group respite service wherein community events are created for participants, while caregivers are given that time for themselves. The program offers a 1:1 ratio for the first 3 events, then goes to a 4:1 ratio thereafter. Food is always provided. This program is free to those who fall within the criteria, such as documentation of intellectual disability, between 10 and 50 years old, does not receive Medicaid Waiver Services. The participant does not need to be an Envision Unlimited client to participate.

Since recruitment is needed for Adventures Unlimited to remain here, Deb asked if we could link their presentation to our website. David agreed. As well, Deb encouraged them to connect Unit 5, District 87 and surrounding area school districts. Also HOIDSA member families may want to come to Bloomington to participate. Shelley discussed a flyer she received from Envision Unlimited that displays the text, "Chicagoland area". David was asked if that text could be adjusted to "McLean County area" for our local use. And if so, Diane will get it out to the McLean County Collaborative IDDCC for circulation. David responded they will work on that. Shelley will also put David and Chental in touch with Heartland Community College HALO.

Deb thanked our guests and expressed our wishes that Adventures Unlimited will take off and fly.

Reach David at dpuf@envionunlimited.org , 773-553-9532.

Reach Chental at Handy chandy@envisionunlimited.org , 312-391-7185.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Bauer, secretary