

**CIDSO General Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2022 7:00 PM. – virtual via Zoom link**

1. **Call to Order.** Deb Presley, President called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
  
2. **Attendance** – certify quorum (28 members – 3 new members since last meeting). Present were Deb Presley, Kim Weber, Diane Crutcher, Shelley Marquis, Bethany Romer, Sandy Bauer, Michelle Newbold, Bill Crutcher, Angela Hedican. Deb declared a quorum.
  
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.**
  - a. **July 19, 2022** The Draft Minutes were approved by motion from Diane and seconded by Angela. Passed unanimously.
  
4. **Slate of 2023 Officers.** Deb.
  - a. **Proposed Slate of Officers for 2023**
    - President – Deb Presley**
    - Vice President – Diane Crutcher**
    - Secretary – Sandy Bauer**
    - Treasurer – Kim Weber**
    - Vice President Funds Administrator – Shelley Marquis**
    - Member at Large – Bethany Romer**
  - b. **Call for additional nominees** None were received. Angela moved the slate be accepted as presented, and Michelle Seconded.
  - c. **Vote to approve slate.** Deb called for the vote. Passed unanimously.
  
5. **President’s Report.** Deb.
  - a. **Thank you to all who organized and supported the Buddy Walk!** Deb declared a HUGE thank you and job well done. She delighted in so many attendees and young families.
  - b. **Meeting with developer.** Since the last meeting, Deb has spent time working with a residential developer for property on Shelbourne in Normal. He, Mike Mates, is very interested in potentially including residents with disabilities in his planning for possibly having an assisted living facility, apartments and single -family house/duplexes on the property. She has met with him at the property site and discussed the innovative model, referencing Ablelight literature. In their discussion, they were considering tying in a CILA residence, using Universal Design principles, etc. Deb has connected to Mike with a Town of Normal Council member, Life-CIL and Marc First to get the conversation started. Deb’s next step is to check in with Mike Mates, and perhaps the other developer with whom Mike is working probably within the next few weeks to make sure the conversation keeps happening.

Diane asked about sharing this info at the IDDC Advocacy meeting this Friday or the meeting of the whole IDDC on 11/8/22. Deb will check in with Mike on that and let Diane know how best to proceed.

**c. Library Book Walk.** Deb reached out to the Normal Public Library. The library needs 6-8 month lead time to be ready for a Book Walk. So this year is out. However the library is planning a spring 2023 Diversity Book Walk featuring acceptance. When asked if CIDSO would have an interest in this, Deb responded 'yes'. The book we use is "My Friend has Down Syndrome" by Amanda Doering Tourville. Deb is also pushing for CIDSO to have another Book Walk for the Buddy Walk with the help of the library.

#### **6. VP Report / IDDC Update.** Diane.

- In doing her quarterly **CIDSO website review**, Diane got onto a variety of click on/links/access points to use if you want to hear from CIDSO. She quickly heard back from them - either by automation or person. It is good for us to know that our access points are working. Diane thanked those who see that this follow through is happening. Diane will likely be using some photos from our Facebook page for replacements on our website.
- Diane and Bill went through the storage unit for purging golf tournament materials. They took a lot of them to golf places, like the Links. An employee saw the CIDSO embossed on our golf ball and said her 2 year old nephew is to have heart surgery the next day. She interpreted this golf ball as a good sign, and was grateful. There is much more space in the storage unit now. For instance, the filing cabinet is empty!
- The Crutchers take Mindie to the Central Illinois Institute of Balance, a PT group, at Landmark Drive. Mindie has had 14 sessions all covered under insurance. The Institute serves those for balance or gait issues. No referral needed.
- Also Diane shared about an online curriculum <https://www.education.com/> with printable worksheets/homework sheets for any grade on all kinds of topics. It cost \$60 for the annual subscription. Let Diane know if you have any questions about these resources.
- Diane continues to attend the **IDDC** collaborative meetings every month. She sends the IDDC notes and attachments to the Executive Committee. Anyone else wanting these, please let Diane know.

#### **7. Treasurer / VP Funds Administrator Report** Kim. Shelley.

- Please let Kim know if you have any questions after reviewing the financial documents. Buddy Walk netted \$29,000 plus! Diane noticed CIDSO expenses were \$1,500 more but made \$12,000 more. The cost of the inflatable gym was higher this year, and unfortunately was interrupted by generator and power issues. Also CIDSO had to purchase some auction items to fill in baskets. The budget has been updated through Q3, so you can see where we are at with it.
- Member Josh Wagner was talking about having a golf tournament. (Lauren Wagner, serves on the Good Thief Foundation that produces Down for the Ride.) This Foundation would, like with the motorcycle fundraiser, produce this golf tournament with proceeds going to CIDSO! Josh already has a logo, date and location. Jason has given Josh, Bill Crutcher's contact. Another dad wanted to set up a dad event but it fell through. However, another date is being explored. Some of this information was posted on the CIDSO Families and Caregivers FaceBook page, as well as the Foundation FaceBook page.

**8. Secretary Report.** Sandy apologized for the late 7.19.22 Draft Minutes. She has received the Excel sheet with the 40some Buddy Walk Thank Yous and will get them underway.

## **9. Committee Reports**

**a. Buddy Walk Report. Kim or Angela.** Angela spoke to the great turnout. Kim stated the Chairs and Committee (Kim, Angela and Shelley) met to debrief the event. They are thinking more about having organizations (SOAR, etc.) exhibit. They would like to see the return of the university athletes as an assist with more public awareness. Another idea was to get an MC. It's been concluded that mailing our auction donation letters is NOT as effective as going into the business and asking in person. It was noted that without a clean-up crew, the set-up crew had to do double duty. As well, the Buddy Walk lost Kelli Appel, the Volunteer Chair, last year, gained committee help from Bethany Romer, but still in need of several others. All these ideas and duties need more volunteers. The Chairs are thinking of hosting a meeting to get more ideas and explain what's involved with the walk's functions and leader positions.

After this discussion ensued, it was asked 'But what about volunteer capacity'? Deb sees more recruitment available through ISU student organizations, such as one that Payten spoke to this month with up to 50 members, *if* CIDSO is specific about what we need. Diane commented on the need for fundraiser plans to be coordinated to avoid overlap. Overlap can lead to such things as businesses being asked to support a fundraiser that benefits CIDSO multiple times by the various fundraising committees, and fundraisers falling on the same, or nearly same, dates. How many fundraisers on our behalf do we want out there? This is all food for thought.

Kim clarified that the Down for the Ride, and the golf tournament will all be through the Good Thief Foundation and their organization's volunteers. That foundation is not tied to CIDSO - other than CIDSO gets the proceeds. Kim noted that attendees of Down for the Ride, a golf tournament, and the Buddy Walk will be from different markets. It was pointed out Good Thief efforts can also raise awareness of those with Down syndrome. Diane shared that Eastview's coordinator, Sherri, mentioned that the church is starting up an adult group for those with disabilities again in November. (It was paused for COVID.) Feel free to contact Eastview.

**b. Advocacy. Sandy.** Abbey and Sandy will be attending the Speak UP and Speak Out Summit in Springfield Thursday and Friday of this week. This summit is for adult self-advocates with Developmental Disabilities. It is hybrid and most presentations are recorded as well. If any would like to attend, register through the Arc of Illinois <https://www.thearcofil.org/>. There are separate stipends set aside for this from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities for the annual Summit.

### **c. Social Media / Family Outreach / Social (Angela & Wendy)**

**i. Birthday card outreach. (Wendy).** While Wendy is absent, Deb is aware that the cards are going out and are appreciated.

**ii. Weenie Roast. (Angela).** This past Saturday evening, Angela's family hosted about 25 people of different ages for a bonfire weenie roast at their farm. Yet, about 15 more were missed due to illness.

**d. New Parent (Kim or Angela).** Angela reported there were no babies born for which Angela or Kim have been informed.

## 10. Old Business

**a. Updates to By-Laws and Critical Decision Matrix– (Wendy).** Wendy absent.

**b. “Poster” story board opportunity – (Deb).** Deb has been working on this. See above at 5c.

**c. Interest in Library Display for 3/21/23? Volunteer? (Deb).** Deb stated still no volunteers have come forward.

**d. No follow up info from Envision Unlimited has been received since the last CIDSO meeting.** Its common for staff vacancies and turnover to curtail carry through often.

## 11. New Business. (Deb)

Angela stated the golf tournament fundraiser, organized and implemented by the Good Thief Foundation, will be on 5/20/23 at Highland Golf Course in Bloomington. The tournament is titled “Down for the Birdie, Golfing for Homies with Extra Chromies”. For public awareness reasons, we would like a presence for our children and families at the event.

**12. Adjourn CIDSO Agenda – General Membership Meeting (Deb).** Our December meeting will the 2023 Draft Budget for approval. It was determined the meeting will be Tues. Nov 29, 2022 via Zoom at 7pm. Those wishing to attend, please contact Diane at <http://diane.crutcher@c4pd.com> for the meeting link.

At 8:05pm, Deb called for a motion to adjourn. Diane moved the meeting be adjourned. Shelley seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Bauer  
CIDSO Secretary

Approved at 1.31.23 mtg, seb