

CIDSO General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2022 6:00 PM. – virtual via Zoom link
Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order was made at 6:06pm by President Deb Presley.

2. Attendance – certify quorum (23 members) Deb declared a quorum with members present: Deb Presley, Diane Crutcher, Bill Crutcher, Shelley Marquis, Bethany Romer, Kim Weber, Angela Hedican, Sandy Bauer.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. October 19, 2021

The 10.19.21 Minutes were moved for approval by Diane and seconded by Deb. They passed unanimously.

b. December 15, 2021

The 12.15.21 Minutes of the General Membership and Annual Budget Meeting were moved by Bill Crutcher and seconded by Shelley. They passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

a. Status of Membership for 2022 (sent reminder email) Membership for 2022 is 25 members as of today.

5. VP Report / IDDC Update There was much informative discussion on this. The IDDC (Intellectual and Developmental Disability Collaborative) is a McLean County Board of Health true collaborative that is welcoming new directions. It comprehensively represents nearly every walk of life that could touch our children. Diane serves as CIDSO's representative. The collaborative is becoming aware of the impacts of disability locally. This collaborative is looking for something better than the status quo. Diane's has shared her subcommittee's work on its vision and mission statements with the Executive Committee. Any other members with an interest in seeing the IDDC work, are welcome to email Diane for such. Her subcommittee is currently working on how to expand residential community options, for example, assisted living. Diane is seeing advocates grow from this work. Diane welcomes anyone's input/feedback to the IDDC on health, education, social, employment, inclusion or other specific concerns so that she can take it to the collaborative.

The discussion widened to address the potential COVID risk of non-masking upon our children's vulnerability, such as in Heyworth schools and other places, as well as non-testing. Many entities and administrations have been approached without resolution. Strategies to protect our children were generated, including double masking and vaccination/ booster status. It was learned that while the CDC has approved a 4th shot, the FDA has not to date. Therefore many providers will not give a 4th shot even with a doctor's note. However, HyVee in Bloomington has.

There also was a brief discussion of the benefit of the 'multi-year IEP'.

Email Status Since the December meeting the email issue was resolved temporarily. Now email transmissions appear to be intermittent again - though most currently, they are working.

Website Status Diane applauds the work Diane walker and Deb do with her to keep the website updated, accurate, diverse and appealing. Diane routinely checks the Website periodically, including checking status of listed links. She asks if anyone encounters a dead link, other concerns, or requests to please let her know. She then works with Deb and Diane to address them.

6. Treasurer / VP Funds Administrator Report Financial documents discussed were the:

- 2021 Budget results. Came in under budget on all lines. Eleven families used the Enrichment Fund.
- 4th Profit/Loss Prev Year Comparison (4th Quarter 2020 and 2021). The CD-State Farm line item will be updated to reflect the switch to USA Bank and will report a more profitable balance. Income was up and expenses were down.
- Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison (2020-2021). COVID restricting spending activities impacted the 2021 year financials positively. And the fundraisers did not fall as badly as expected. Total assets were up \$17,000 over 2020.

a. Status of “Active Member” sign up Thus far, 11 commitments for Active status have been received. While the website states 1/31/22 as the deadline for submissions for active status commitments for the 2022-year, Deb will update it as still open for a grace period. (New - non-renewing members – can submit throughout the year upon joining or shortly thereafter.)

b. Status of Storage Unit The current outdoor storage unit expires on 2/28/22. As it is too small, a larger one has been sought. Kim shared her research on other units and discussion was held on indoor vs outdoor, price comparison, locations, etc. Kim plans to organize and perform the move which will be on Sat 2/26 beginning in the late morning. Security was addressed – codes, building key and our lock. Deb made the motion to proceed with renting a 10x10 indoor unit at Constitution Storage at Linden and Empire in Bloomington for \$125 per month with no annual or other contract. And that Kim will organize a group of volunteers for the move. The motion was seconded by Diane, and passed unanimously. CIDSO Member volunteers and community volunteers (such as fulfilling student volunteer hours – Bethany’s son Tim for instance) are sought. Kim will try her /or a neighbor’s horse trailer, or rent one if necessary for transporting. It was determined all golf items will be moved to the new unit, and Bill will purge them at a later time.

c. Update Status on 501c3 question In five years, it will be time for our 5-year renewal. The process will begin when a letter is received at the Crutchers address. At that time, Kim will fill out the proper form, which she has, and then submit it.

7. Secretary Report The Memorial thank you cards for Ashton Welker and Linda K. Durbin are out. Acknowledgement to the families is forth coming.

Sandy shared a memorial-based idea for discussion on adding a Memorial page or link on our website for the awareness and convenience of memorial donors. Discussed was having the memorial name posted. But it was unclear if families would want the deceased name posted. Exploring the idea, it was determined this idea could be modified. Deb will work with Pam to create the ability to allow memorials to be made through the Donation page that connects to the named memorial. A new field will be added for the donor to indicate for whom the memorial is being sent.

8. Committee Reports

a. Buddy Walk Report (Kim or Angela) The tentative weekend of 9/23 & 24 is no longer being considered. Kim will get with Eastview (Sherri) and look at dates.

b. Motorcycle Fundraiser (Angela) and Blo-No Challenge Scavenger Hunt Angela reported that Blo-No Challenge will not happen this year as our efforts will go to the offer of a gentleman out of Rock Island to help us put on the Motorcycle Ride fundraiser. The ride will be Sunday, 6/12/22 with a rain date of 6/24/22. While the route is now being scoped out, it will likely begin at Merna Tap and end at Green Gables with stops along the way. Angela has begun looking at sponsors and raffle ideas already. Angela will look into getting a license to sell raffles. Will need

volunteers on the day of for: registration; t-shirts; raffles; to attend the 4pm arrival at Green Gables. And also hoping for some volunteer families to provide a short story of the impact of having a family member with Ds (blessings and challenges) for social media. As well, Angela will soon start generating some information for Diane Walker to push out through our media. It was mentioned how ideal it would be to have stories representing families with children from different age groups. This will be an awareness event as much as it is a fundraiser. The story boards used at the Buddy Walk will be used. A new idea generated was using the park area across the road from Green Gables which can be secured through Bloomington Parks and Recreation. Also a group of riders do an 'Angel Run' to raise money for school scholarships. Maybe the Angel Riders would join our Ride. Bill will inquire for us.

c. Advocacy (Sandy)

EPIC Host Homes Sandy shared a little info about the Host Homes from the perspective of becoming a host home and requirements of qualification and funding. Discussed was how host families are paid and the funding streams (CILA funding vs Host Family vs HBSS) involved in making that happen with its up and down sides. Deb has heard that the lower level of dollars going to Host homes does not net a fair earning for the host family after they are used for the needs of the individual living in the Host home.

New Family There was a check-in with the California family moving here and their request for information about our community and state. State info has been emailed, and a local mom (Maggie) has agreed to talk with them about the educational experiences. Angela will check to see if that communication has transpired,

d. Social Media / Family Outreach / Social (Angela & Wendy) Angela has no report other than the continuance of the Birthday Card project and keeping the Facebook current with new information. There was a request for a description of all of our committees. However, CIDSO committees are defined by what our volunteer members can make them to be. So, we don't have any formal definitions.

e. New Parent (Kim or Angela) No report given.

9. Old Business

a. Updates to By-Laws based on 2021 minutes – (Bethany / Diane C) This is Bethany's role and she will get with Diane to see how this task is done within the next month or two.

b. "Poster" story board opportunity – still looking for volunteer (good spring / summer project)! It would be wonderful to have this to use for the Motorcycle Ride. Diane has background already on this from conferring with the Autism group's project and on what the Normal Public library can do to assist. When she returns to Illinois, she will come up with a little blurb for our Facebook/website to describe this project in seeking volunteers.

c. Emergency Respite Presentation This was poorly attend. Diane was in the background and Shelley attended. No one from the Autism group attended. Shelley learned the Envision is our area's main respite provider. And if a family is hooked up with Envision they cannot utilize this Emergency Respite resource. There also were contradictions about McLean County's eligibility.

10. New Business

a. ISU Speech Fundraiser (Shelley) Shelley shared written info from ISU Speech and Hearing wherein a fundraiser “World Down Syndrome 21 Day Challenge” would be raising money for CIDSO. They are providing videos of those with Ds who present a fact about Ds and a challenge for each of the 21 days via Facebook. There is a \$21 registration fee providing T-shirts and socks. Kim Adelman reached out to Deb to discuss this yesterday and the plans are just now being formed by the ISU students hosting this Challenge. When there is something official, Deb will get it up on our website, including publicizing volunteer need, if they are requested.

b. Interest in Library Display for 3/21? Volunteer? Will be posted on the Facebook page and on the Website. Angela will write something up for these and get to Diane Walker.

c. PALS Fundraiser – any interest for 3/21? With socks being sold at the Buddy Walk and the World Down Syndrome 21 Day Challenge, it was determined we have socks covered and we need/focus on our current activities. Therefore, the Pal’s email suggesting sock sales will not be pursued now. Personally, some members have socks that can be advertised by them individually on World Down Syndrome Day with proceeds going to CIDSO. If other individuals would like to do this as well, Angela has socks available.

Bill Crutcher’s brother passed yesterday. This is Bill’s 2nd sibling to pass in 3 months. Bill and Diane thanked those who sent prayers and thoughts to them during the brothers’ passing.

11. Adjournment Diane moved to adjourn at 7:35pm and it was seconded by Deb. Passed unanimously.

Approved on 4.19.22 seb