

CIDSO General Membership Meeting
April 19, 2022 6:00 PM. – virtual via Zoom link
Minutes

1. **Call to Order** was made by President Deb Presley at 6:03 pm.

2. **Attendance – certify quorum** (25 members) Present were: Deb Presley, Diane & Bill Crutcher, Kim Weber, Wendy and Kirsten Boswell, Michelle Newbold, Shelley Marquis, Sandy Bauer.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** Diane moved that the February 8, 2022 Minutes be approved, and Shelley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **President's Report**, Deb Presley

ISU Speech Fundraiser The 21 Day World Down Syndrome Challenge netted \$750 for CIDSO. The student group from ISU Communication Sciences and Disorders, Eckleman Speech and Hearing Clinic did a fantastic job involving our loved ones with Down syndrome into video segments about themselves, a fact about Down syndrome and a challenge each of the 21 days, 3/1-3/21. There was acknowledgement and connection to CIDSO in emails and at sign up. In the future, CIDSO will be likely be mentioned in the video format as well. A CIDSO Thank You will be mailed to Kim Adelman at ISU and the inside will be addressed to the students of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Website Updated for Donations / Memorials – Deb got our 'In Memory of' field added to the 'Donate' page on our website, and Diane Walker wrote a description. This was a follow up task from the 2/8/22 meeting.

5. **VP Report / IDDC Update**, Diane Crutcher.

IDDC There are approximately 35 agencies beginning the development of the structure for service for people with I/DD from prenatal diagnosis to passing away and all aspects in between. In May, there will be 6 committees established within the collaborative as the meetings and work intensify. Opportunities to get the word out on activities, such as our June fundraiser, remain available through the IDCC. IDDC is an important group for CIDSO to part of for several reasons, including a long-awaited venue in which to have a voice in B/N community's understanding of disability in the mainstream. Deb is seeing more collaborative and broader stakeholders awareness and movement concerning those with disabilities and diversity in organizations here as well, specifically with Connect Transit.

Monitoring of Website Diane Crutcher still monitoring and maintaining the accuracy of CIDSO website. However, if any members notice anything amiss, please let Diane Crutcher know and she will pass on to Diane Walker and/or Deb for revision.

Google Profile Report This report is received monthly and shared by Diane with the Executive Committee and any others requesting it. The report measures and reports performance, such as: 235 people looked at our site in this month; photos drawing 500-600 hits per month.

MarcFirst Supported Employment got a grant to reboot their Supported Employment Program. Diane Crutcher contacted them and heard back quickly, and successfully. On housing, however, Deb, hasn't gotten any call backs since last summer. EPIC has lost their Director of Employment and communication has dwindled concerning such things as branching services into Bloomington.

6. Treasurer / VP Funds Administrator Report, Kim Weber, Shelley Marquis.

Financials (Kim) Kim reviewed the financial documents. Wendy spotted an error which Kim will correct. Comparison Balances up \$12k but we do not have updated info on the CD. There have been 2 memorials under the new fields on the website. Kim will follow the website to get info for Thank You cards. For instance: Jean O'Donnell in honor Ross Porter, \$100. Under Profit Loss, Bill suggested that with the change in interest rates, we may want to look into moving some funds into a CD. Kim has heard that bankers may be recommending to wait for 3-6 months.

Storage Unit Update (Kim) We are still on the waiting list to get into a bigger unit. Bill/Diane will clean out the golf items as soon as weather cooperates.

Funds Administration (Shelley) reports everything running smoothly.

7. Secretary Report, Sandy Bauer. Given the recent death of Ryan Alexander's father, Dennis, Sandy opened the discussion of remembrance. Michelle is giving Ryan a few photo albums for photos but he may need more. Maybe CIDS0 could do likewise. The budget is \$100. Since the family requests no flowers, Diane and Bill will get some photo albums and deliver to Ryan with a card from CIDS0 at Dennis's Visitation on 4/29/22. At a later time, it is hoped a picture of Ryan and Denny (or just Denny Sr if we can't find one of the 2 of them) can be found and made into an image that can be applied to string bag, like the one Ryan likes to carry. Diane and Deb will secure a pic and coordinate this gift from CIDS0.

8. Committee Reports

a. Buddy Walk Report (Kim or Angela) Kim reported the event will be held at Eastview Church again and will be on 9/10/22.

b. Motorcycle Fundraiser (Angela) Deb shared Angela's report. "Down for a Ride – Rollin for Homies with Extra Chromies" is set for Sunday 6/12/22, *beginning* at 10:30am (with *registration* at 9am) at Merna Tap in Merna. The ride *end* is scheduled from 3:30-6pm at Green Gables at Lake Bloomington. The route will have stops at Fat Albert's in Gridley, AJ's in Benson, American Legion in Washburn and The Outpost in Eureka. We will need volunteers at the beginning of the ride for registrations, T-shirt distribution, koozie sales, and 50-50 raffle sales. Any donations for the silent auction will be appreciated. It is hoped to have CIDS0 families at 3:30ish at the end of the ride (in the park across the street from Green Gables) to meet riders. Because many of the riders will not know anyone with Down syndrome, we would like to let riders know who's benefiting from the fundraising. As well, this gathering will also be the opportunity for our 1st CIDS0 social gathering since COVID began! Food and drinks will be furnished. Angela is working on the ride sponsorships currently and has secured the Peoria Harley Davidson dealership thus far. When PR is ready and shared, Diane C. will share with the IDDC.

c. Advocacy (Sandy) A sister of an adult with Ds called the CIDS0 line for leads on a dentist who can make sure there won't be any pain for her brother's dental care - and accepts Medicaid for her brother who badly needs dental work preferably in the B/N, Champaign or Springfield areas. It was discussed and there were not any recommendations for B/N that met all criteria and were known for good care. Sandy will re-contact the caller and reference other parent group organizations for the other areas.

d. Social Media / Family Outreach / Social (Angela & Wendy) **Family Outreach** has the birthday cards underway. Wendy has reached out to "Healing Rides", but found it was not organized well and would not work out well for us. If there is anything else anyone would like Wendy to look into, please let her know.

Social will be the gathering at Lake Bloomington across from Green Gables with the fundraiser ride on 6/12/22 from 3:30p-6p.

e. New Parent (Kim or Angela) Recently, Shelley heard from her sister, an ER nurse at Lincoln hospital, about a family from Clinton with a young baby with Ds. This family had no support, contacts or information about Ds. Shelley's sister gave this family Shelley's name. Shelley's sister printed info from CIDS0 website and gave to the family. And Shelley will supply her sister with brochures for future potential encounters with others touched by Down syndrome. Shelley wasn't sure, and asked, if Clinton is in our catchment area. Angela has been in touch with 2 families in Clinton. Without a Decatur group, Sandy wondered if Lisa Martin was still in the area for local support. Discussion suggested that the mom (Crystal Morris) in Clinton, who did a Walk around World Down Syndrome Day with the proceeds given to CIDS0, might reach out to this Clinton mom, if so desired. As well, that this Clinton family be given the link to the Facebook Parents and Caregivers where the family could post and maybe connect up with others in her area. Deb thanked Shelley for serving as a contact through her sister.

9. Old Business, Deb

a. Updates to By-Laws based on 2021 minutes – (Bethany / Diane C) It is sensed that nothing has been done with this for 15 months. Diane, feeling this is important to not get behind on, volunteered to do this. Wendy said that she had previously volunteered. Deb that since Wendy had access to all the Minutes, she could do this and Wendy agreed. Diane appreciated being released from the task again.

b. "Poster" story board opportunity – (Deb) We are still looking for volunteer. It would be a good spring /summer project! This was a follow up task from the 2/8/22 meeting it was hoped this could have been done the Ride Fundraiser route. To that end, Diane C. followed up with a posting on our website with an inviting description.

c. Interest in Library Display for 3/21 – (Deb) Seeking volunteer. Diane C. has seen to this being posted on our website with an appealing description.

10. New Business, Deb. None identified.

11. Adjourn, Deb. It was determined that the next CIDS0 meeting will be Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 6p via Zoom. The Crutchers will provide the Zoom link. Sandy moved the meeting be adjourned and Diane seconded. Passed unanimously.

Approved at 7/19/22 Meeting - seb