

Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization

Minutes from the Quarterly Membership Meeting

October 19, 2021

The quarterly meeting of the Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization (CIDSO) was held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President, Deb Presley. The following members were present:

Those in attendance were:

Deb Presley	Bill Crutcher
Diane Crutcher	Kim Weber
Angela Hedican	Michelle Newbold
Wendy Boswell	Bethany Romer
Shelley Marquis	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Diane moved to accept the July 2021 minutes as edited. Angela seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: It was determined by Deb Presley that there was a quorum established at the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Deb Presley thanked the Buddy Walk committee. We had wonderful weather with a great set up at Eastview Christian Church.

Deb updated us regarding the Connect Transit Board. Connect Transit had reached out to her to find out how they could possibly employ someone as a bus cleaner. Deb connected them with MarcFirst. She indicated that it is necessary to make connections in the community. If there are businesses willing to hire people with disabilities (and CIDSO has fought long and hard for inclusion in the workforce), then we need to have people to put into the jobs. Deb talked with someone about the possibility of having a shop staffed with people who have disabilities downtown near the bus transfer station. There is space available and a possibility for employment – but this would require workers and a commitment.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Diane indicated that she is caught up with the scanning of CIDSO documents. She scanned all items into GoogleDrive and also put on a flash drive. She will get old minutes uploaded as they become available. Discussion followed with additional items that can be uploaded to GoogleDrive. It is a long term goal to put all financial reports and enrichment funding requests and documentation on the GoogleDrive as well.

Diane also suggested we reach out to Homes of Hope, MarcFirst to remind them of what CIDSO can do for them.

Diane provided an IDDC Update. Diane has been attending meetings with the McLean County Health Department to be a representative for people with disabilities (specifically those with Down syndrome). It is a good group and they are just in the beginning stages of writing mission statement, goals, etc.

EPIC contacted Diane to provide information about their program. EPIC can provide alternative living arrangements for people/adults with disabilities. Diane has the name of the contact person and would be glad to share what she knows and or provide the contact person to any CIDSO member who may be interested.

Diane reported that she is checking the CIDSO website monthly. She indicated that the HALO information is updated. However, she reported that the e-mail is still not working. Our website needs some IT attention. We discussed the possibility of switching the website – but we are in need of a response on how to proceed/cost, etc.

Diane indicated that she would like to feature the Buddy Walk pictures/posters on the website. She indicated that she would get in touch with families to see if they are OK with them being posted on the CIDSO website.

SECRETARY REPORT:

It was reported that all Buddy Walk thank you's had been mailed. There were other thank you's in progress (Ruth Marquis memorial).

TREASURER'S REPORT – Kim Weber provided a report of expenses through Q3. Kim discussed expenses to date and went over certain line items. We are tracking about \$16,500 ahead of last year in revenue at this same time (mostly due to the Buddy Walk being held virtually in calendar year 2020). The 2021 Buddy Walk had income of almost \$25,000. Expenses for the event were about \$3,000, which means we netted about \$22,000.

CIDSO did several things to support the Welker family in the recent loss of their daughter, Ashton. Our hearts are saddened by the loss of this sweet little (3 year old) angel.

SOCIAL CHAIR REPORT: – Angela Hedican talked about social activities. She reported that the recent wiener roast had been cancelled due to a low number of RSVP's. She also indicated that she plans to have a Parent's Night Out for people (who want to) to get the Lucky Few tattoo. Angela indicated that she posts information on the CIDSO Facebook page and talked about outreach efforts to new families.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kim discussed upgrading our storage unit. We currently have a 10 x 10 unit and have outgrown it. Diane made a motion to get a 10 x 20 unit. Deb seconded. We decided to wait until our annual contract is up for this unit and then get the bigger unit.

Kim motioned to increase the annual Enrichment Fund limit in 2021 from \$3,000 (which was agreed to earlier in the year) to \$4,000 per person. Discussion followed. Diane moved to accept the motion. Angela seconded. It passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Angela reported that we may have an opportunity to participate in a fundraising opportunity to benefit CIDSO. Someone contacted Angela about having a motorcycle ride for the benefit of CIDSO. They are asking for a clever name for the event.

Sandy indicated that someone in her family won a balance bike at the Buddy Walk but they do not have a use for it. It is for ages 10+ so it will be donated back to CIDSO for a future fundraiser.

There is a new in-home respite program. The coordinator indicated that she would be willing to provide a brief presentation to our group about the program. It was decided that we would consider having the coordinator speak at a future CIDSO meeting or event via Zoom. A date will be determined in the future.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

2022 Officers: The slate of officers will remain the same for calendar year 2022. The following people will be added to committees: Michelle will be added to the social committee, Shelley to the Buddy Walk committee and Wendy to the Family Outreach committee. Diane made a motion for all positions to be filled the same in 2022 and the additions to committees be accepted. Bethany seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Several people thanked Michelle for her administration of the Friday Fun Days. It has been a great thing for those who participate. They look forward to it each time!

The date for the budget meeting will be Wednesday, December 15th at 6pm. Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., Angela seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Marquis (filling in for Sandy Bauer)

Minutes approved 2.8.22 seb