

Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization

Minutes from the Quarterly Membership Meeting

October 8, 2019

The quarterly meeting of the Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization (CIDSO) was held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal IL on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Angela Hedican, President. The following members were present:

Those in attendance were:

Deb Presley	Angela Hedican
Payten Presley	Kathy Peden
Hollis Peden	Kirsten Boswell
Kim Weber	Kydia Trembley
Jean Bates	Cheryl Crumrine
Rhonda Umstadt	Sandy Ginther
Diane Crutcher	Rick Bauersfeld
Amy Phifer	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Angela moved to accept the minutes as written. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: It was determined by Deb Presley that there was a quorum established at the meeting. We currently have 34 members and we only need 10% to have a quorum.

2020 OFFICER ELECTIONS: Angela talked about a change to the Executive Committee for the next year. A change is proposed which would mean that the Funds Administrator would be a part of the Executive Committee. Deb provided information about the additional position to the EC. This means there would be 6 on the EC instead of 5. Deb made a motion that the Funds Administrator position be added to the EC, Sandy Ginther seconded. Motion carried. Diane indicated that the Member at Large role would start having some responsibilities such as the website, the by-laws, etc. With the addition of the Funds Administrator position, the proposed slate of officers for 2020 is:

President, Angela Hedican
Vice-President, Deb Presley
Vice-President - Funds Administration, Shelley Marquis
Treasurer, Kim Weber
Secretary, Sandy Ginther
Member at Large, Diane Crutcher

Ballots were passed out. Members voted. All members were voted in unanimously.

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 \$1,000 ahead of last year in revenue at this same time. Kim also discussed the 2019 budget and how we are tracking with that. We are doing great in all budget line items except for Redbird Readers – where we are a couple of thousand over what we budgeted. There was some discussion about the budget for Redbird Readers. There will be more

discussion about this later in the meeting. Kim also talked about Facebook fundraisers. She needs to know who is doing these fundraisers because the check says “anonymous Facebook donations” so she needs CIDSO members or others to let her know when there is a fundraiser being held on Facebook that will benefit CIDSO.

Diane Crutcher thanked CIDSO for the gift cards that were sent to Bill during his hospital stay. He is home and improving every day. Those in attendance were glad to hear this report.

FUNDS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Shelley Marquis gave the Funds Administrator report for the 3rd quarter. Three people received reimbursements during the quarter for the Enrichment Funds. The total amount spent in the quarter was \$984.38. The total YTD expenditures (Q1-Q3) for Enrichment Funds reimbursement is \$9,163.38.

GOLF/GALA REPORT: Rick Bauersfeld talked about the golf tournament and said he and Bill Crutcher have had some discussion about the golf tournament ending because it has run its course. It is thought that the Gala should continue. Bill Crutcher was the heart/soul of the golf outing and without him on the committee it would not be the same. Rick is looking for a leader to run the Gala – someone within CIDSO.

BUDDY WALK REPORT: Kim reported the Buddy Walk was held on September 28 at the Interstate Center. It was a beautiful morning. There were about 450 people in attendance. CIDSO raised about \$18,000 and after paying the NDSS, CIDSO gets to keep about \$15,000. It was a small committee that put it on – and they could always use more help. Sponsorships were down this year. Kim talked about how our families can help get those sponsorship donations in the future. Amy Phifer talked about the possibility of combining teams.

SOCIAL CHAIR REPORT: – Amy Phifer gave a report that there were not a lot of scheduled activities in the summer. There were 35 people in attendance at the picnic – which was a good turnout since it was a rainy day. No events were held in September.

These are the events on the calendar at this time:

10/19 – Weiner Roast at the Hedican’s

November 9 or 10 – Jumping place - TBD

12/8 – Christmas Party – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3-5pm

January – possibly a bowling outing - TBD

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

2020 Budget: Angela indicated that there are several things that need discussion prior to the budget process in December.

Redbird Readers – Kelly Appel (from ISU) is asking about continuing the program in the next year. ISU does not want to bill those participating in Redbird Readers. The Executive Committee will be looking at what is fair to all members. No one wants to see it discontinue but we need a way to make it work. Redbird Readers is the only program where CIDSO pays up front. Deb brought up that maybe we should discontinue program funding for all programs (with the exception of figuring out Redbird Readers) so people can choose which programs each individual wants to be a part of – and everything should be run through enrichment fund reimbursement and then reimbursed at 75%. Diane asked if we have the

approval of membership to build a budget based on the reimbursement method rather than sponsoring programs.

The Redbird Reader program does not function like any other program. It is not based on how many are in attendance and therefore, that makes it problematic to bill individuals based on attendance. This fall there are 16 participants and 32 tutors. The program has been in existence for 12 years. The benefits are numerous for the ISU students and the CIDSO members. It was decided that Angela will write a letter – Kelly will pass out to participants. CIDSO will ask for \$250 per participant/net \$62.50 if they qualify for and apply for enrichment funding in 2019. The motion is that CIDSO will fund Redbird Readers program for 2020 spring but bills will be sent to individual families for \$250/family. In the meantime, some members will work on grant funding for the continuation of the program. Motion carried.

National Inclusive Schools Week – Do we want to participate in National Inclusive Schools Week this year – which is in December? Angela brought up the idea of doing some sort of social media blast for those teachers that are nominated – some sort press release or recognition. Sandy made a motion to participate in National Inclusive Schools Week. Hollis seconded. Motion carried.

By-Law Update Process – Diane Crutcher has worked tirelessly to update the CIDSO by-laws. The by-laws are up to date.

Conflict Resolution Policy – Sandy Ginther may have someone that can facilitate a process for the organization in developing a conflict resolution policy/process. She will re-contact them in a few months regarding their availability/willingness to assist.

Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Marquis, CIDSO Secretary