

Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization

Minutes from the Quarterly Membership Meeting

April 9, 2019

The quarterly meeting of the Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization (CIDSO) was held at Calvary Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Angela Hedican, President.

Those in attendance were:

Deb Presley	Diane Crutcher
Bill Crutcher	Angela Hedican
Kim Weber	Rick Bauersfeld
Sandy Ginther	Abbey Heins
Rhonda Umstaddt	Wendy Boswell (on phone)
Kaitlyn Weber	Dawn Mattia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Diane moved to approve October 2018 minutes. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Correction to the December minutes requested by Wendy Boswell...need to change the minutes to say – minutes will be sent 30 days after the meeting instead of 30 days before the next meeting. Deb motioned to approve the December minutes with these changes. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: It was determined by Deb Presley that there was a quorum established as we have 21 members and need only 10% to have a quorum. Diane Crutcher also confirmed that we have 21 active member families.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Kim Weber provided a report of expenses through Q1. Kim discussed expenses to date and went over certain line items. We are tracking a bit ahead in assets as compared to last year at this time.

FUNDS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Diane Crutcher passed out reports that show expenses to date for conference and enrichment funding. Only one person has used conference funds and three people used enrichment funds for 2019 thus far. There was no activity for the program/project funding in this quarter through the Funds Administrator. Kim Weber reported out some Program/Project Fund expenditures through the Treasurer's report since she gets those invoices directly.

2018 Final Funding Reports: Diane also provided the end of the year 2018 enrichment report. Wendy Boswell asked for clarification regarding what expenses are not approved through the enrichment funding requests. It was clarified that the \$5 weekly fee for Hip Hop dance at Stacy's Dance Factory is not part of the enrichment funding reimbursement because of the agreement with Stacy's Dance Factory that asks for families to pay 25% fees out of pocket. Other things that not covered are vacations, hotel stays, clothing, horseback riding apparel. There will be other things in the future that will not be covered – we cannot possibly know what those things are. Bill Crutcher thanked the executive committee for approving so much funding for our kids. Wendy also thanked the committee.

Diane also passed out the year end conference report for 2018. There were 3 conferences attended/supported by CIDSO. Diane also provided the year-end program/project funding for 2018. There were four programs supported by CIDSO and recorded through the Funds Administrator for the program/project fund.

GOLF/GALA REPORT: The golf committee has met several times. There are 16 people on the committee but there have only been about 5-6 members at each meeting. Each committee member is charged with getting things for the golf outing (sponsorships, prizes, etc). We already have a Diamond sponsor for the outing – McLean County Orthopedics. Each active family member can have 2 family members attend at no cost. The person in the family with Down syndrome is also free. There is a video being put together reflecting activities of people with Down syndrome called “Because of You”. People should get in touch with Julie Otto if they are interested in participating in the video. We need 128 golfers. Currently we have about 20. We need sponsors. Al and Lynda Bowman are going to be the honorary co-chairs. The marketing materials are coming together. Rhonda talked about the art classes that are being held to assist people with Down syndrome to create artistic pieces for them to give to those that bid/win auction prizes at the gala and/or to be auctioned at the gala. The paintings will be done on 4/27. Diane thanked the golf tournament for working so hard to make the golf outing/gala a reality again. Julie Otto is coordinating paintings by people with Down syndrome separate from Rhonda's effort--these paintings will be auctioned off at the gala as well.

BUDDY WALK REPORT: – Kim reported the Buddy Walk will be on 9/28 at the Interstate Center

SOCIAL CHAIR REPORT: – Amy Phifer was not in attendance to give a report – but Angela reported that there are several things that may be coming up:

4/26 – play date (0-13); May 4 (play date at We Rock the Spectrum); Mid-June for all families to do bowling at ISU. Amy welcomes help with any of these outings.

OTHER:

IFLC Conference: Sandy Ginther provided a report from the IFLC conference that was held in Peoria. The IFLC conference was not well attended. The committee is looking for ways to improve attendance. The speaker was great. Abbey Heins and Sandy Ginther represented CIDSO by distributing information about our organization at a booth.

July 2018 Minutes: Wendy Boswell requested an amendment of the July 2018 minutes – We had a discussion regarding the membership report from July 2018. Wendy was membership chair at the meeting. She stated that there was lack of concern for her feelings and her concern about the accuracy of the membership data in the forms in the July minutes. These concerns are noted but the minutes were previously approved and thus unable to be changed.

Retroactive Funding – Pickleball: Kim discussed the retroactive approval of expenses related to the pickleball program. There was discussion that ensued regarding the precedent that will be set if we go back and pay a bill before that program was approved for funding support. Diane made a motion to see if anyone wanted to approve funding for a January 2018 pickleball expense and Wendy seconded. The funding motion failed.

ISU Speech/Hearing Clinic: Deb reported that we received the Fall 2018 Speech/Hearing clinic bill. There were 11 people with Down syndrome included on the bill. Due to the most recent changes in

CIDSO active membership status - only those with active memberships in spring of 2019 will be covered. Those families have been informed.

Redbird Readers: - Jean Bates filled out a grant proposal for Redbird Readers to cover a potential gap in funding—\$2,000. Kim asked that we vote to reallocate funds to cover that \$2,000 gap for Redbird Readers because it is so important to so many families. Many participants are members of CIDSO and it is felt that all benefit significantly from the program. Dawn Mattia made a motion to support the program either if the grant funding does not come through or if there is a shortage from the amount that the grant will pay. Diane seconded. Motion carried.

Report of existing by-law amendments and proposed by-law amendments: Prior to the meeting, Diane reviewed all available past meeting minutes to find by-law changes over the years that may or may not have been incorporated into the actual by-laws document (1997 - 2018). She brought these changes to the by-laws to the attention of the membership. There were questions and clarification provided about different articles. Rhonda Umstadt brought up the point that there needs to be an e-mail clarifying what membership/active-membership differences are. Active members are eligible for funding. Members can vote. Angela will send out a clarifying e-mail. Wendy made a motion to table the discussion about the by-law changes until the next meeting. Dawn made a motion to add the following statement to Article II – Section 3 – Voting Eligibility and/Membership (add to the end of the definition). This addition states:

“A member is responsible to: portray CIDSO in a positive manner to the public; treat other CIDSO members and persons interacting with CIDSO respectfully (harassment and retaliation are not consistent with CIDSO’s purpose); and encourage public support for CIDSO, financially and otherwise.”

Wendy seconded. Motion carried. This will be added to the end of the definition of membership in the by-laws. The section in the middle will require additional time to review and will be tabled until the next membership meeting in July 2019. Bill made a motion to table the discussion on the Jan/Feb 2016 pieces regarding membership for the by-laws until the July 2019 meeting. Angela seconded. Motion carried.

Other items will be tabled until the July meeting. Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Marquis, CIDSO Secretary