

**Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization**  
**Minutes from the Quarterly Membership Meeting**  
**July 9, 2019**

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

Those in attendance were:

Deb Presley	Angela Hedican
Angela Hedican	Kirsten Boswell
Kim Weber	Abbey Heins
Kathy Peden	Wendy Boswell (on phone)
Dawn Mattia	Hollis Peden

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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** It was determined by Deb Presley that there was a quorum established at the meeting. We currently have 31 members and we only need 10% to have a quorum.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Kim Weber provided a report of expenses through Q2. Kim discussed expenses to date and went over certain line items. We are tracking about 7% ahead of last year at this same time. Kim also discussed the 2019 budget and how we are tracking with that.

**FUNDS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** – All of the administrator funds are included in the treasurer's report. Due to Bill Crutcher's health situation, Diane will provide reports at a later time. Diane Crutcher did send an e-mail the Executive Committee today to let them know that she was resigning from the Funds Administrator position immediately. There will be follow up by the EC to Diane regarding if she is resigning only from the funds administrator position or also the Member at Large committee. Only one person has used conference funds and three people used enrichment funds for 2019 thus far. Shelley Marquis will be taking over as the Funds Administrator in the interim – as the first set of approval – to be followed by Kim Weber for final approval and payment.

**GOLF/GALA REPORT:** The Gala/Golf Outing were held on June 14/15. About 230 people attended the Gala. There were about 75 auction items. A video featuring CIDSO families was shown at the Gala – which was a very nice touch. The Gala was a huge undertaking with only a few members participating as leads on the committees. Unfortunately, the Golf Outing was rained out.

Deb made a motion to consolidate the CIDSO general checking account with the CIDSO Gala/Golf checking account and eliminate duplication of pay pal accounts, etc. Hollis seconded the motion. Angela asked that we vote via roll call. All members in attendance voted in favor of the consolidation of the accounts. The motion was carried unanimously.

**BUDDY WALK REPORT:** Kim reported the Buddy Walk will be on September 28 at the Interstate Center. Currently there are only 3 people on the planning committee – with some other volunteers helping with things that day. Hoping for more participation as we get closer to the event.

**SOCIAL CHAIR REPORT:** – Amy Pfifer was not in attendance to give a report – but Angela reported that the following social events are scheduled to be held:

5/19 – Small Children’s Play Group

6/7 – We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym

6/10 – Panera – Mom’s Night Out

7/10 – Tipton Park Splash Pad

7/19 – Parent’s Get Together – at the Hedican’s

8/11 – CIDSO Picnic – Maxwell Park

12/8 – Christmas Party – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Some discussion followed about how these things are advertised to CIDSO members. We are not really sure. Angela is going to follow up with Diane Walker about how these messages are getting passed along.

#### **OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

**By-Law Update Process** – Since Diane Crutcher was working diligently on this and is not currently available at this time due to Bill’s sickness – we are going to table this discussion until the next quarterly meeting.

**Nomination process for officer elections** – Deb Presley talked about the process for nominations of officers at our October meeting. The slate of officers will be voted upon in October – and those officers will convene at the December meeting to determine at 2020 budget. This process is identical to last year.

**Funding Eligibility** - Wendy Boswell asked how many of the active members were eligible for funding. Deb responded and said we will not know how many people/families actually meet the commitment until after the Buddy Walk.

**Connect Transit changes and issues** - Deb is on a working group – called Connect to the Future with Connect Mobility. There were some rate increases which caused more of a financial burden to those with disabilities. Individuals who try to get back/forth to work could potentially spend \$280/month getting to/from work. There is no longer a monthly pass. Deb is asking CIDSO to support her in these efforts – to offer services and to minimize the cost to those with disabilities. She will send out a template letter to CIDSO members so they can write to city councilmen, Connect Transit, etc. There is a Facebook group called Citizens to Ensure Fair Transit (CEFT).

**Global Down Syndrome Foundation** – Angela informed us about the Global Down Syndrome Foundation and asked if CIDSO would/should consider joining. The membership would include subscriptions to magazines but the biggest benefit is that it would allow CIDSO to apply for educational and employment grants. The cost is \$150/annually. Deb made a motion to join the organization and Kim seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

**Request for Assistance in Developing a Conflict Resolution Policy** – Angela talked about formalizing a process for conflict resolution. Angela would like to see a group of people begin to work on making this

a reality for CIDSO. Angela asked for any thoughts/comments about the process. Kim indicated that we need this committee to be able to bring progress again to the organization. Hollis/Kathy said they would help with the process. Angela will proceed with starting this group.

**Discussion regarding a donation to Advocate Fitness/Foundation** – Kim discussed that there was \$1000 in our budget to cover our kids in the Advocate Fitness program. After discussion, it was determined that the program has enough funding without our \$1000 donation. The members at the table did not think that it was necessary for CIDSO (a not-for-profit) to give the Advocate Foundation (another not-for-profit) a donation. The fear was that it would open doors for other not-for-profits to solicit CIDSO for donations. Angela made the motion to make a donation to Advocate Fitness Foundation in the amount of \$500. Dawn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous that CIDSO should not make the donation to the Advocate Foundation.

**Summary of information from DSAIA Conference** – Angela attended the DSAIA in St. Louis MO. She went to seminars on Outreach, Pre-natal screening, Parents First Call Program (when families receive the diagnosis and maintaining relationships with those that help them in the first steps on the Ds journey) and Improving Family Relationships. Angela went to the conference hoping to receive information on Outreach and Engagement. She felt like she did receive pertinent information on these topics from the conference. Kim talked about her knowledge of DSDN and what they are doing for the medical community.

**Other Business:**

There was a card passed around for Bill Crutcher. Angela made the motion to get the Crutcher's a gift card to show our support from CIDSO. Hollis seconded. The motion carried. CIDSO will be getting a gift card for the Crutcher's.

Angela said that she has been talking with Sandy Ginther about getting to someone to come and present to CIDSO members about ABLE accounts from the State of Illinois.

Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawn seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Marquis, CIDSO Secretary