

CIDSO
Quarterly Meeting
July 11, 2016

The July quarterly board meeting for the Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization was called to order by President Steve Newbold at 6:30 PM, July 11, 2016, at the home of Diane Crutcher.

II. Roll Call

Attendees : Kim Weber, Brenda Finlen, Deb Presley, Peyton Presley, Randy Mattia, Judy Bates, Diane Crutcher, Steve Newbold, Hollis Peden, Kathy Peden, Shelley Marquis, Abbey Heinz, Sandy Ginther, Julie Otto, Angela Hedican

III. Meeting

It was moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, the motion seconded and carried. Minutes of the April meeting accepted.

Randy presented the treasurers report. He distributed a document containing the 2015 budget/expenditure numbers. The current numbers look good, with CIDSO continuing to follow our budget fairly closely. Currently, the accounts should total between \$100,000 and \$120,000 at year end. Outstanding expenditures are HALO, ISU Speech and Hearing, Redbird Readers, and parent outreach.

Steve reported that the Golf Tournament should bring in around \$23,000 this year. While attendance was down, the total income should be near last years. Steve commended Kim for her representation of CIDSO at the Gala and asked for her observations of the Gala. She commented on the lower than expected attendance, but thought it was well organized. Members commented that there was opportunity to advertise more to get more people involved and attending.

Abbey noted that the Buddy Walk will fall on her birthday this year, an exciting coincidence.

Deb, Angela, and Kim spoke about the upcoming Buddy Walk (September 17th). Planning is moving along. Angela is working on new posters for CIDSO and discussed ways to get the posters designed and printed. The Buddy Walk website is live, members can make teams and donations.

Diane discussed the definition of our 'catchment area' and exceptions that can be made. The definition is McLean County, with the exception if a family is outside the county but CIDSO is the closest support group and the family is willing to be involved. Another exception would be if the individual with DS lived in McLean County, but the family lived outside. Diane reviews all requested exceptions and will let everyone know when an exception has been requested. Diane motioned that CIDSO accept this methodology for special membership exceptions. Randy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

We are in the midst of verifying our official membership. Members who have completed a form are considered voting members and all business voted on requires a quorum of 10% of the membership. Brenda will report on the official number of forms we currently have.

HALO was discussed. The program has made changes this year. CIDS0 still funds HALO tuition as described in earlier meetings. The deadline for submitting a request for HALO funding will be August 15th. Deb will communicate this to Diane Walker to send out.

Deb reported that we may end up under budget for ISU Speech and Hearing, as ISU is now designated as a Medicaid provider. ISU Speech and Hearing will bill clients insurance, Medicaid or Medicare first and then bill the client families for any remaining fees. CIDS0 will communicate to members to contact ISU with their insurance/Medicaid/Medicare information soon. CIDS0 will pay 50% of any out of pocket fees families have. CIDS0 would prefer to pay one check to ISU Speech and Hearing, Deb will verify.

Adult Literacy is a school year program, spanning two CIDS0 budget years. A motion was made to fund the Literacy program for the next semester. It was seconded and carried.

Julie reported on an event she is interested in bringing to the area. An author whose twin sister was an artist with DS has written a book about her sister and does speaking engagements to encourage the promotion of art in the community. She would come to the area to present and would only require a place to stay and help with gas. Julie wants to use CIDS0's name and membership list to promote. The author may be in Chicago October 1st, so possibly here October 2nd. The motion to advertise through CIDS0 was approved.

Diane reported on the Program Fund applications:

Stacy's Dance applied for \$2,000. We had budgeted \$1,250 as a guide. Spirit Cheer applied for \$1,950, we had allocated \$2,200 with a caveat to review at the budget meeting. Spirit cheer has 20 members with various disabilities, but only 2-4 with DS. Dance has more participants with DS. It was agreed to fund Cheer by allocating based on 3 participants with DS, paying for uniforms and insurance for 3 participants. Thus approving funding for cheer for \$1,365. Dance will be approved for \$1,845. Altogether we are funding dance, cheer, and tennis. Tennis was funded at \$3150 for 2016.

Executive committee positions were discussed. Steve will extend his presidency another year, as will vice president Deb. Randy as treasurer and Brenda as secretary will step down from the executive committee. There should be at least one more meeting in which to hold elections. All CIDS0 members are invited to join the committees.

Randy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, Hollis seconded, all voted yes. Meeting was adjourned.