

Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization

Minutes from the Quarterly Membership Meeting

April 10, 2018

The quarterly meeting of the Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization (CIDSO) was held at the Schnucks Community Room on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Steve Newbold.

Those in attendance were:

Deb Presley	Rhonda Umstatt
Kim Weber	Amy Pfifer
Julie Otto	Angela Hedican
Hollace Peden	Steve Newbold
Kathy Peden	Wendy Boswell (by phone)
Dawn Mattia	Shelley Marquis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved. Kim Weber made the motion to approve the minutes, Julie Otto seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Kim Weber presented the Treasurer's Report. The total amount of assets on hand as of 3/31/18 was \$151,626.05. The balance sheet detail was provided showing all deposits and expenses that have occurred for the period from January – March 2018.

BUDGET/FUNDS REVIEW DECISIONS: Grants – Steve Newbold brought information regarding the PickleBall program offered at Evergreen Raquet Club. Deb suggested we amend the budget and add \$2000 as a new line item for this program. It is a new program. Deb Presley made the motion to add \$2000 for the PickleBall program, Angela Hedican seconded. The motion carried.

It was decided that a \$100 donation would be made to CaringBridge from CIDSO in honor of Bill Crutcher's health journey. Kim indicated that she would take care of handling the donation.

SOCIAL CHAIR: Dawn Mattia reported on several upcoming CIDSO social events including discounted tickets for the Gibson City drive-in (tickets will be \$3), the Edge football game on July 28, the CIDSO picnic on August 26 at Fairview Park and an open house luncheon at her home in May. Dawn also provided a sheet of things that CIDSO supports/participates in. This list will be mailed to the membership and posted on the website.

Amy Pfifer brought up the subject of wanting/needing to form bonds with other Ds parents. Rhonda and others talked about how to include more members. A lot of discussion continued about kids with Ds in the community and how to get more people involved in CIDSO.

LOGO: There was some discussion about color changes with the new logo. There was additional discussion regarding combining CIDSO with Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization so people could understand the acronym. Steve suggested we move forward with the new logo.

SELF-ADVOCATES: Diane Crutcher asked that there be some discussion at the meeting regarding self-advocates. Are others interested? How can we get others involved? The Speak Up/Speak Out conference might be a good option for people to attend if there is interest.

GALA/GOLF OUTING: Steve Newbold & Julie Otto gave an update regarding the CIDSO Gala & Golf tournament. It will be held June 1, 2. It will be the 37th annual event. The gala will be on Friday night at the Marriott Hotel in uptown Normal. The golf-outing will be held on Saturday. CIDSO families get free admission to the gala. Discussion ensued regarding the flyer and honorary chairpersons.

BUDDY WALK: The CIDSO Buddy Walk will be held on Saturday, September 22. There will be a new location this year – the McLean County Fairgrounds. The fee for the fairgrounds is \$500. Angela and Kim are co-chairs this year and are asking people to consider helping so the event can be a huge success.

ELECTRONIC FORMS: Kim has been working with someone who is going to make the membership form, enrichment application, grant application and conference fund form interactive on the website. She reported that they should be live and accessible within the next month.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on July 24 at 6pm at the Hyvee Community Room. Hollace made a motion to adjourn the April 10 meeting at 7:39 p.m. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Marquis
CIDSO Secretary