



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

CROYA ADULT BOARD REMOTE MEETING MINUTES

01-11-2022

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Catherine Grey, Leslie Walton, Christine Carr, Kate Leech, Megan Engelberg, Jacqueline Rubin, Bea Pierce, Abby Hanlon, Kristen Lee, Kristen Weisberg, Stephanie Mannarino and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Christine Carr motioned to open the meeting at 8:05. Kristen W. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kristen L. motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Stephanie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Todd read the Remote Open Meeting Act.

Chairman Report: Christine welcomed everyone and asked, "How have you talked about CROYA since we last met?" Chris said she always wears her CROYA sweatshirt when she goes in the stores around town. Kristen L. shared that her younger children are always talking about CROYA. She talks about CROYA with other parents. Stephanie shared information about CROYA with a new family while waiting for a meeting at the High School. Chris will continue to try to get on the meeting agenda with the Village of Lake Bluff.

Manager Report: Todd gave a virtual tour to show everyone the new paint colors at CROYA. The painting project done over the holiday break has inspired a "keep the space clean" initiative with CROYA staff and youth. Todd shared that he sent out over 600 emails explaining the increase in mask wearing. We have tried to be outside as much as possible. Activator Music Academy has a new teacher. Counseling has really not happened much – most is done virtually and with new staff. Todd mentioned that with summer, CROYA will once again welcome the typical 7th - 12th grade students. Todd reminded everyone to complete the "Open Meetings Act Training". Kristen Lee thanked the CROYA staff for everything they did before the holidays and for finals.

Youth Report: Jacqueline Rubin extended accolades to her mom for the CROYA facility paint choices. Meetings have been good. Jacqueline shared she believes that the retreat has really amped things up, saying, "All things about CROYA make sense after attending a retreat." Meeting attendance has been down because of COVID cases. **Abby Hanlon** reported the Chipotle fundraiser was a success. She also reported Poinsettia sales as being over \$14,000! Abby shared that she loved delivering Poinsettias and it was a super happy day. The Exec. Committee is hoping to experience dinner at Tsukasa.

Bea Pierce reported that CSL (CROYA Service & Leadership) is brainstorming to find a service project for the upcoming day off school, Monday, January 17th, which is Martin Luther King Jr. day. A possibility is making Valentine's Day Cards at CROYA for senior homes and/or The Foundation for Tomorrow. Bea shared that Nick Winebrenner was nominated to wear "Mike's pants" for the Gorton Holiday Shop. There were lots of volunteers.

Program Reports:

Leslie stated that Middle School after-school numbers continue to grow. The Tuesday MS meetings are averaging about 20 kids. MS Exec. will have its 3rd meeting this Thursday and the big question to be tackled is "What would you like to do?" There were 65 participants at the holiday meeting. The movie "Home Alone" was played and there was a gingerbread house making contest. Lots of kids are super involved and many are from Lake Bluff. In November, during a day off school, Leslie and Rick took a group of 20 youth uptown to sell Poinsettias and go out to lunch. Leslie ran Winter Bingo during lunch one day before winter break at Lake Bluff Middle School. Leslie reported that no snacks are being served at this time during after school hours. Today we are having an Air Hockey Tournament.

Catherine reported that the 1st in-person (real) retreat since fall of 2019 was a huge success. Participants and leaders were kept safe and healthy. She stated that the High School meetings have been going well. It is believed that the numbers are a little low because of sports and illnesses. CROYA hosted the study break table during final exams. Peer training sign-ups will begin soon. We are looking for retreat leaders for the retreat coming up in March.

Rick shared that COVID guidelines have been adjusted with constant reminders to wear masks properly. The biggest adjustment has been the lack of offering of food or drink after school. Friendsgiving returned to CROYA the day before Thanksgiving with twenty plus participants. Rick reported that Paws for Patrick dogs will be coming after school twice a month. CROYA once again had merch at the LF Station with sales over \$2000. Rick talked about the activities that were organized over winter break. They included mini-golf, with the course being constructed with random stuff around CROYA, board game day and arts and crafts day. Rick also orchestrated an outdoor music/light show for the holidays that was seen by many over winter break. The LFHS Talent show is coming up and will be a good partnership opportunity with the LFHS APT.

Foundation: Catherine spearheaded a YWCA grant securing \$4,500 for youth programming.

Adjourn Meeting: Kristen L. motioned to close the meeting at 8:57am. Stephanie seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be March 8th at 8:00am at CROYA.