



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 05-10-2022

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

Motion to Open: Christine Carr asked for a motion to open the meeting at 8:09am. Jacquelin motioned to open the meeting, and Bea seconded the motion. Motion passed. Abby motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Jacqueline seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Report: Christine welcomed everyone and asked “How have you talked about CROYA since we last met?” Jacqueline talked about CROYA’s presentation at the Lake Bluff Village Board meeting. She also mentioned she carries around CROYA merch to evoke questions and discussion about CROYA.

Manager Report: Todd has been touring other youth facilities in the greater Chicagoland area – most are privately funded and affiliated with counseling services. Todd reported that he has been working to reinvigorate counseling partnerships for CROYA. He also shared that the CROYA facility is being used greatly by the community – the original dream is coming to fruition. Todd shared that Paws for Patrick dogs are still coming to CROYA. Todd thanked the three youth members for their service and commitment to CROYA and the board this year.

Youth Report: **Jacqueline Rubin** stated the Spring Retreat was very successful despite the fact it did not fill up right away. It ended up being the perfect amount of youth. All attendees were there because they wanted to be. She felt like it was the best retreat she has attended. Jacqueline also shared that the Body Positivity presentation (paid for by a YWCA grant) was a very positive experience for all who attended. If it didn’t affect them directly, attendees learned how to help others. It was a very comforting way to talk about a serious issue. **Abby Hanlon** reported the Hypnotist meeting brought in a lot of kids. There were lots of laughs. Executive Committee elections were amazing. Students were hungry for positions. Abby predicted that energy will be super high next year. Abby also commented that the last retreat was so helpful to bring people back together after COVID. She said there will be five freshmen on Exec. next year. All the candidates were very qualified. **Bea Pierce** stated the 8th grade welcome party will be at the May 18th high school meeting with the game Flying Butts as the activity. Tomorrow’s meeting (May 11th) will be the Photo Scavenger Hunt and will start early at 6:30pm.

Program Reports:

Leslie shared that the 19th Donut Cup was held last week on May 4th. It was the largest attendance in quite a while. There were over 100 attendees. There was a good showing of both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff police. Leslie also reported that CROYA will be running Deer Path Middle School’s “Peer Pressure” health class lesson on Thursday. It gives the teachers a break and will be a great way to spread the word about the 8th grade welcome party. CROYA will have a big presence at the Lake Bluff Middle School Wellness week with “Bingo” on Tuesday and handing out popsicles on Thursday. CROYA was open last Friday for LBMS students from 1-3pm and four new youth came! Leslie reported that the middle school meetings have been very well attended – the kids won’t stop talking and they love doing activities. There will be no spring dance. DPM has partnered with CROYA for a 7th grade only dance on June 3rd. May 20th is the last day of District 67’s food drive – sorting of the food will be done at CROYA.

Catherine reported that Peer Training at Woodlands will finish this week, and Peer Training at Lake Forest High School will finish next week. CROYA will have a study break table for one of the days of LFHS finals. Catherine also shared that CROYA is partnering with LFHS APT to participate in the Wellness Walk. Catherine stated that the Recognition Dinner will be Monday, May 23rd from 6-8pm. This dinner is for the Exec. Committee, all seniors who have attended CROYA, and the parents and guardians of these youth. Three Senior Awards will be presented. Todd shared that the youth who read and voted on the Senior Awards applications were some of the youth who ran for Exec. but didn’t win.

Rick reported that the Earth Day service project was a success with fifteen middle school participants. Rick shared that after cleaning the perimeter of the CROYA and Rec. Center property, they broke for lunch, and when the rain started, they cleaned the inside of the CROYA building. Rick shared that after school has been really great with 30-40 youth to start and 10-15 staying. CROYA purchased 2 Oculus (virtual reality) headsets that have been consistently used every day. Battle of the Bands will be held in June, returning to the Raymond Moore Auditorium at LFHS.

Foundation: The CROYA Foundation purchased a new touch screen TV that has been installed on the wall and is used daily. A new sound system has been installed as well.

Adjourn Meeting: Megan Engelberg motioned to close the meeting at 9:04am. Bea seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be July 12th at 8:00am at CROYA.