



CROYA ADULT BOARD
“SPECIAL MEETING” MINUTES
07/21/2020

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Catherine Grey, Leslie Walton, Kristen Weisberg, Chris Carr, John Maher, Jen Riley, Kerrigan Weston, Carolyn Bielski, Megan Engelberg, Ryan McFadden, Anna Seyfert and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Carolyn Bielski motioned to open the meeting at 9:04. Jen Riley seconded the motion. Jen Riley motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Carolyn Bielski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Report:

Manager Report: Todd explained the reasoning regarding the “special meeting” specifications. Todd discussed the changes regarding board members. Seven adults and three youth make up the board. Members can serve three, two-year terms. The following changes are happening on the board. Jennifer Karras is leaving the board to become an elected member of City Council. John Maher has served three, two-year terms. Todd mentioned the great relationship with John and CROYA and presented him a few thank you gifts. Carolyn Bielski is moving to the HS representative spot and will be starting a new term. There are two new members: Chris Carr will now be the Lake Bluff representative and Kristen Weisberg will represent Ward 2 in Lake Forest. We got to know the new members via the traditional “get to know you” quizzes. Todd asked board members to think about when they have talked about CROYA in the community and report back at the next meeting. Carolyn suggested talking about CROYA during onboarding of the Freshman class, talking up the Wednesday night HS meetings. Todd raised questions regarding youth meetings – how will they work?

Inside/Outside? We will need to be creative. The next meeting is slated for Tuesday, September 8th at the HS. John stated the meeting will not be able to be held at the HS. Todd passed out notes regarding CROYA’s mission, vision, highlights, fiscal year initiatives and programs. Todd talked about the article about CROYA in the May edition of Forest and Bluff. The new date of August 29th for the 40th anniversary celebration may need to be rescheduled.

Youth Report: Ryan McFadden introduced himself as the CSL Chair. He has been on Exec. for three years, is involved in music at CROYA and will be participating in Battle of the Bands this week. Anna Seyfert is the Foundation Liaison. She has also been on Exec. for three years. Her favorite thing is the Poinsettia Sale because it is such an important fundraiser. Kerrigan Weston is the current Chairwoman. She began coming to CROYA Freshman year and has also been on Exec. for three years. She says the retreats are super fun.

Program Reports: **Leslie** reported that the Donut Cup took place in March, where MS youth and police play Floor Hockey together. There were approximately 75 attendees. T-shirts were given out and students had an opportunity to ask the police questions. There was a large group of LB students. PALS was supposed to happen with 2 groups of 20, with 20 on the wait list. CROYA helped with a DPM diversity exercise – it was a great partnership. MS Zoom meetings were held and a few students stopped by to visit on the patio.

Catherine explained the new Exec. Committee elections were held via Zoom and Google forms. There have been a lot of Zoom meetings. They were well attended at first but then attendance dwindled. The Spring Retreat was cancelled due to COVID and we are now trying to figure out the Fall Retreat. The 8th grade welcome party was held via Zoom. It was a photo scavenger hunt. Fifteen 8th graders attended and many of their families joined in!

Rick talked about a lot of fun stuff that has happened. A music video was made by current and past Activator music guys to the “Breakfast Club” theme song “Don’t You Forget About Me”. When Phase 3 was implemented, the CROYA “Blues Mobile” drove around town handing out CROYA 40th Anniversary t-shirts. Todd and his girls did Tic Todd’s. The Battle of the Bands is rescheduled to July. Each band will be treated as a separate performance with 60 people able to attend each performance. After each performance, people will exit and the area/chairs will be cleaned and sanitized. The event will be videotaped. The event is open to the public and all are welcome. Tickets will be online and free.

Foundation: Mural update – Carolyn shared style photos of what the mural will look like. The CROYA magazine will be 40 pages with stories featuring different topics, reflecting the spirit of CROYA. The front cover is done by George Erkenwick. We are hoping to have it printed and mailed around the 29th.

Next Meeting: The next CROYA Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 15th at 8:00am at CROYA.

Adjourn Meeting: Chris Carr motioned to close the meeting at 9:05am. Carolyn B. seconded the motion. Motion passed.