



**CROYA ADULT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
09/15/2020**

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Catherine Grey, Leslie Walton, Kristen Weisberg, Chris Carr, Jennifer Riley, Kerrigan Weston, Carolyn Bielski, Megan Engelberg, Jennifer Durburg, Stephanie Mannarino, Jennifer Karras, Abby Clarke, Ryan McFadden, Anna Seyfert, Abby Hanlon, Taylor Kamholz, Mimi Feingold, Ben Winebrenner, Sophie Gambit, Jaqueline Rubin, Louise Brickman, Bea Pierce, Avery Robb, Tommy Hetler and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Chris motioned to open the meeting at 8:07am. Stephanie seconded the motion. Megan motioned to approve the July meeting minutes. Carolyn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Report:

Manager Report: Todd addressed the Zoom group (Exec Members) and announced the CROYA 40+1 year anniversary celebration will now be held June 6, 2021. June 6, 1980 is the actual date that the city established CROYA. A 40-page magazine has been designed to honor 40 years of CROYA. Tommy Quinn, a LFHS alum, will design and paint the mural for the viaduct. Hopefully this will be happen in October. Todd encouraged everyone to talk about it. Todd asked the students and board members when they have been able to talk about CROYA. Jennifer Riley stated that she spoke at the LFHS Board of Education meeting about mental health and CROYA. Megan spoke about CROYA at the DPM APT open house for new families. Stephanie reported that she mentions CROYA at all of the Newcomers Group meetings. Chris spoke with LB Village President Kathy O'Hara with regards to building awareness of CROYA in the Lake Bluff community with the goal of increasing participation with students, especially ones with special needs. Carolyn also talked about how they promote CROYA in the classroom. CROYA is doing a merch. collaboration with "Offbeat Apparel", an organization dedicated to anti-bullying. Todd shared that Megan told the CROYA staff over the summer about an online training with Dr. Lisa D'Amour called "Steady in the Storm", and the CROYA Staff took the training. Todd mentioned that on Wednesday, September 23rd, he will be participating in the first "Scout Strong" event as a panelist for social-emotional wellness, focusing on ways the schools and community can be supportive to students and families. Todd also shared that on Thursday, September 24th, the LF/LB History Center will be highlighting CROYA founder Dr. Gene Hotchkiss as a "Local Legend". Todd asked that if you are not receiving his monthly CROYA e-newsletter to please contact him.

Youth Report: **Kerrigan Weston** reported the first meeting of the year was Flour Tag where a new check-in system was implemented. The second meeting was Rock/Paper/Scissors. Everyone seems to be adapting and "going with the flow" regarding changes and the need to wear a mask and social distance. Outside yoga is on the agenda for tomorrow. Everyone will bring their own mat or towel. **Ryan McFadden** spoke about the Battle of the Bands that was held July 29th. There were 5 bands, one of them made up of all Freshmen. The event was all socially distanced and everyone wore masks. He stated it was a really great event and his band won! **Anna Seyfert** mentioned that she is really grateful for CROYA right now in these uncertain times. She thanked the CROYA staff.

Program Reports: **Catherine** reported that CROYA attended Freshmen Orientation, helping out with check-in. CROYA staff will each help teach a Freshman Advisory class on Monday and Thursday. The purpose of the class is to help the new students get to know the school without being there. **Leslie** talked about hosting a CROYA open house. All families will be welcome. The hope is to make parents feel comfortable about sending their students to CROYA. Students will need to sign up by day. Programs will change daily and will cater to the students who are attending. LBMS sent a specific informational letter introducing CROYA. A standing program for Thursdays is "Walk and Talk" with Leslie and Catherine. Leslie stated that 15-20 Freshmen came to the first HS meeting. **Rick** commented that the Battle of the Bands was a community effort. Many people jumped in to help. Everyone followed the guidelines and there were no issues, proving that a socially distanced event could be successful. Rick explained the new check-in process and stated that a signed waiver is required for all students to enter the CROYA facility. The process has worked very well. Each student gets a key tag with a bar code that gets scanned at check-in.

Foundation: Jennifer Karras reported that the CROYA magazine has been an extraordinary collaboration including Kelli Jacobs (CROYA alum), Elaine Doremus (helped with professional editing) and Brittini Wallace (designer). Students were engaged to create feature stories. The CROYA Foundation is funding the magazine and mural. Carolyn suggested a possible social media campaign to alert people of the availability of the magazine.

Next Meeting: The next CROYA Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 10th at 8:00am at CROYA.

Adjourn Meeting: Jennifer Riley motioned to close the meeting at 9:10am. Megan seconded the motion. Motion passed.