



**CROYA ADULT REMOTE ACCESS BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
01/12/2021**

**Attendance:** Sally Swarthout, Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Catherine Grey, Leslie Walton, Kristen Weisberg, Chris Carr, Ryan McFadden, Carolyn Bielski, Megan Engelberg, Kerrigan Weston, Stephanie Mannarino, Henry Sackman, Susan Simms.

**Motion to Open:** Chris Carr motioned to open the meeting at 8:03. Carolyn Bielski seconded the motion. Motion passed. Stephanie motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Chairman Report:**

**Manager Report:** Todd read the Remote Access Meeting Proclamation. As an icebreaker, Todd asked everyone to share “one positive thing that has happened to them during COVID”. Todd reported that Activator Academy is doing online virtual lessons. Todd also shared that on November 11<sup>th</sup> he was a speaker at the Deer Path APT meeting. The Lake Forest High School group “Scout Strong” hopes to do a final event to talk about things you can do to be resilient during these times.

**Sally Swarthout** shared that she has heard so many positive comments regarding the viaduct mural. She asked “how have you shared words of CROYA in the community”? Chris Carr responded that she walks every day and she sees many realtors and talks with them about CROYA.

**Youth Report: Kerrigan Weston** reported the last in-person meeting was the Winter Wonderland Drive-thru – everyone participated in fun games and prizes were given out. “Box of Lies” was the first virtual meeting of 2021. The next meeting is Super Bowl commercial inspired. The mural looks “super good”!

**Ryan McFadden** reported that the upcoming North Chicago Community Partners Disinfectant Drive will be January 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm @ CROYA. People can drop off items on the list or order online and have them shipped.

**Program Reports: Catherine** shared that the Poinsettia Sale exceeded last year with sales of \$10,000 netting a profit of \$5,000. Curbside delivery was a huge hit, and it was great to talk to people. She reiterated the Disinfectant Drive is scheduled for Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm. Catherine also shared that the cancellation of the Fall Retreat was very disappointing for all. Zoom meetings continue to take place. Game ideas are always welcome!

**Leslie** reported that Middle School youth were coming for after school programming. We have started virtual MS meetings on Tuesdays. The first one of the year where the youth played “Among Us” had 10 participants, 5 from LF and 5 from LB. It was a hit! Leslie said she has been able to make good connections with the school social workers who have expressed a necessity to re-evaluate and create a plan. Bingo is planned for the meeting today. We are hoping to have in person meetings resume soon.

**Rick** stated that things have been quiet – all focus is on virtual, making activities as engaging as possible. The hope is that in-person programming will resume soon. Rick reported that community response to the Lake Forest Station was awesome, generating \$60,000 in revenue. It was a great way to show support and get our home town “out there”.

**Foundation:** Henry reported that it has been a standard year. Cash flow is positive. The Plansoen Grant was received and now we’re prepping to submit the tax returns. Todd presented a slide show of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Magazine, explaining the content of each page. He also showed and explained pictures of the painting of the mural. Todd also shared a CROYA Foundation powerpoint highlighting ideas to honor CROYA Founders Frank Farwell, Eugene Hotchkiss and Margot Martino. Several options were presented. There are 1400 CROYA magazines available for distribution. We are looking for ideas. There will not be a mass mailing.

**Next Meeting:** The next CROYA Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 9 at 8:00am at CROYA.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Kristen Weisberg motioned to close the meeting at 8:52am. Chris Carr seconded the motion. Motion passed.