



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11-08-2022

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Leslie Walton, Christine Carr, Kristen Lee, Carolyn Bielski, Zoe Frentzas, Chloe Robb, Pride Haggerty, Megan Engelberg, Sally Swarthout, Susan Simms, and Kate Leech on Zoom.

Motion to Open: Christine Carr motioned to open the meeting at 8:09am. Megan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kristen motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Megan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Report: Christine welcomed everyone. She asked that everyone introduce themselves and share what they wish for, for Christmas. Chris asked everyone to say how they shared the word of “CROYA” recently. Zoe shared that meeting attendance has been high and she continues to promote the idea of bringing a new person to the meetings. Carolyn continues to remind her students about the retreat. Sally wears her CROYA sweatshirt and people ask her what CROYA is. Chloe wrote about the impact of CROYA on her life in every one of her college essays. Todd was wearing a CROYA sweatshirt at the dry cleaners and they asked him what CROYA is all about. Megan shared that CROYA hosting the APT food drive was a great opportunity to show CROYA to the community. Chris stated that Carolyn will be finishing her six-year term in April 2023. She was the Lake Bluff rep and then the LFHS rep. We need to find someone to replace her. A Lake Forest High School staff member who lives in Lake Forest or Lake Bluff would be ideal.

Manager Report: Todd reported that CROYA facility rentals have been consistent including the Artisan Guild French Market, kids using the dance studio, and Paws for Patrick Junior Board meetings. CROYA staff has been visiting local counseling centers, helping to build relationships. A goal is to have one of the local counseling centers make a presentation to youth at a dinner meeting. Jeremy Kruse reached out to CROYA about possibly doing an Improv group at CROYA. Todd shared that there has been much discussion regarding the best time for retreat sign up. He asked attendees to think about options. Zoe stated that no time of day will be good for everyone. Todd stated that every odd year CROYA holds a fundraiser and 2023 is it! Ideas are a Chicago sports theme related event with heavy appetizers, interactive sports games, testimonials from students, live music, and a silent auction. There was also discussion as to where the proceeds would go. Todd asked for suggestions for what will make people come.

Youth Report: Zoe Frentzas shared that Wednesday meetings are being reposted on students Insta accounts! Carolyn shared that multiple channels for students to get info. are helpful. November meetings will include “What Would You Do For a \$1?”, the Donut Bowl, Trivia and Dodgeball. **Pride Haggerty** reminded everyone that the Poinsettia sale continues until November 16. She shared that Exec. members are asked to sell a minimum of two orders each. Over twenty people participated in selling Poinsettias uptown. The bi-ennial CROYA Fundraiser is scheduled for January 28, 4-6pm. A theme is being decided. **Chloe Robb** shared that Peer Training is going really well. There are six classes over five periods. In October, CSL hosted a “Pink Party Service Project” at a Wednesday night meeting. Eighty pink T-shirts were sold, and participants made tie blankets and cards that were given to NWH Cancer Treatment Center. CROYA’s Fall Retreat is November 18-20. The leader meetings have been great.

Program Reports:

Leslie: shared that MS meetings are still busy with lots of energy. Cooking Club meets on Thursdays with lots of participants. The CROYA MS dance in October welcomed 275-300 students, mostly DPM students and approx. 50 LBMS students. The dance was held inside the CROYA facility. The MS Fright Fest trip took place on Columbus Day hosting 32 students. Leslie reported that there has been considerable time working alongside the middle schools for a variety of programs. The van is being utilized daily by LBMS students. The DPM Exec. group has been meeting once a month. Leslie stated she would love to open communication with LB PTO, feeling it would help with scheduling activities. Megan offered help with a connection. Leslie is hoping to form a LBMS Exec. group that would meet at lunch time.

Rick: reported the Big Wheel Grand Prix was held with music, giant trikes, dodge balls and rubber bananas. Attendees included many youth who don’t usually attend after school. After school drop-in has been going well with 20-30 students attending regularly. Friendsgiving will be held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Foundation: See fundraiser comments.

Adjourn Meeting: Kristen motioned to close the meeting at 9:16am. Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be January 10, at 8:00am at CROYA.