



CROYA ADULT IN PERSON AND REMOTE ACCESS BOARD MEETING MINUTES 03/09/2021

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Catherine Grey, Leslie Walton, Kristen Weisberg, Chris Carr, Ryan McFadden, Kerrigan Weston, Anna Seyfert, Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Chris Carr motioned to open the meeting at 8:04am. Kristen Weisberg seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kristen motioned to approve the January meeting minutes. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Report: Jennifer Riley was not present

Manager Report: Todd read the Remote Access Meeting Proclamation. Todd reported that Jennifer Riley and Jennifer Durburg will both term off in May after serving for six years. Todd asked participants to share names of anyone they feel would be a good fit for the Board. Todd asked if anyone had been able to promote CROYA since the last meeting. Chris Carr shared that she dropped off a stack of CROYA Magazines at LBMS, where she spoke with Nate, and she also brought some CROYA Magazines to the Village of LB offices. Chris also reported that CROYA is now mentioned in the LB online newsletter. Todd shared that Forest and Bluff with be doing an article on the mural. The mural will also be recognized in the "LF Love" blog. Touch up painting will be done by Tommy and students.

Youth Report: Kerrigan Weston shared the most recent HS meetings were Battleship, The Dating Game, Jeopardy and What's in the Box. All were really fun. This week's meeting is Cup Cake Wars. The first of two retreats was this past weekend. It felt like nothing had changed. Kerrigan is thankful it was just as meaningful as the last in-person retreat.

Ryan McFadden reported the North Chicago Community Partners Disinfectant Drive was very successful. There were lots of participants and donations. He is looking forward to, and he is very excited for the retreat.

Anna Seyfert reported that the mural has been reported recently in lots of media. Annie Kelly wrote an article about it for the Forest Scout. Many people have acknowledged the mural!

Program Reports: Catherine shared that two sixth grade boys from DPM created "Project Full" to help with Lake County Hunger. The first of two retreats happened last weekend – it was a great success. It began after dinner on Friday and continued on Saturday @ 9am until 10pm. Todd added that small groups were spread out throughout the facility. Masks were removed only when the individually packaged meals were being consumed. Participants shared a lot and it was fun and meaningful. The second retreat begins this Friday. Chris Carr asked what topics were discussed at the retreats. Catherine shared that a movie is watched and the discussion revolves around that. Leslie stated that friend groups are divided to provide the opportunity to meet new people. High School meetings are now in person – COVID safe, with participants pre-registering and no more than 50 in the building. Catherine also reported that an Instagram Takeover to promote Exec Elections will begin the week after Spring Break. The CROYA Staff are currently teaching peer training to the entire Woodlands Freshmen class. In-person Peer Training at CROYA for LFHS students will hopefully start after Spring Break.

Leslie reported that Middle School after-school programming attendance has seen a steady incline. There are over 100 kids with signed waivers. While school visits are still not allowed, we are seeing a good amount of MS kids after school. Kids have been doing a good job of coming up with activities. Recently we did sweatshirt crafts. We played "Among Us" in person last Friday. There were two sessions, 10-12noon and 1-3pm. Both sessions were filled to capacity. Fun was had by all! Leslie also shared that she is working with the schools on how kids can learn directly about CROYA and not from their parents. Leslie was interviewed by the two DPM Deans of Culture. The interview was played during homeroom. There is a T-shirt design contest happening now. There have been 8-10 designs submitted – some are amazing! Leslie stated that this year 5th and 6th graders were welcomed to CROYA. Next year the 5th graders will be grandfathered in as 6th graders, but the new 5th graders will not be included. This was a special circumstance during the pandemic.

Rick reported that he helped with the LFHS talent show. Cory, Educational Technologist at LFHS, joined with some kids and helped with Battle of the Bands. Rick also shared that Megan Engelberg helped create an APT video for the "HOPEs" program – it was a great partnership. He has been busy helping with activities and daily registrations.

Foundation: Todd shared that the CROYA Foundation tax returns have been turned in. We are evaluating the facility and looking for ways to spruce things up. Todd said the concept of having our Founding Day Celebration in June may have to be pushed back again so we can have as many people as possible. Todd asked if anyone had any thoughts about this. We brainstormed ideas on how to get the CROYA magazine into as many hands as possible. The facility is 14 years old at this time. The CROYA Founders plaque display is being reworked.

Next Meeting: The next CROYA Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 11 at 8:00am at CROYA.

Adjourn Meeting: Chris Carr motioned to close the meeting at 9:01am. Jennifer Durburg seconded the motion. Motion passed.