



CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11-14-2023

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Leslie Bruning, Catherine Lawniczak, Christine Carr, Alexandra Mower, Georgia Mannarino, Kate Leech, Julie Crouch, Lulu Flavin, Megan Engelberg, Kristen Lee, Sally Swarthout and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Chris Carr welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to open the meeting at 8:05am. Kate Leech motioned to open the meeting. Kristen Lee seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Kristen motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Kate seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chairman Report: Chris thanked everyone for coming and asked how they have spoken about CROYA since the last meeting. Alexandra shared that she talked a lot about the upcoming retreat. Sally shared that while at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference she talked about the CROYA organization and the positive impact it has on our community. Chris shared that she wears her CROYA sweatshirt when she walks in her neighborhood and often speaks with her neighbors about CROYA. Chris informed the Board that Stephanie Mannarino (Ward 2) and Megan Engelberg (Ward 1) will be terming off the CROYA Board in May of 2024. Todd asked everyone to let him know of possible candidates. Julie suggested the Carney's who are on staff at Deer Path Middle School and who are also residents. Kristen asked if we wanted to pursue candidates with younger children.

Manager Report: Todd reported that building rentals have been great. NSSRA is conducting a program on Thursday evenings for special needs adults called "Embrace U". The Community Wellness Task Force is looking for new opportunities with a possible focus on social media problems. Todd shared Poinsettia pick up will be December 2nd and 3rd. CROYA has been asked to participate in a LF/LB Chamber sponsored one day pop-up shop in Lake Bluff.

Youth Report: Alexandra Mower shared information about a new scholarship for the music school with the possibility of a drum set donation. A search is in progress for a recipient. Georgia Mannarino reported the Breast Cancer Awareness initiative raised \$1400. Care packages were assembled, 10 tie blankets were completed and all was delivered to Northwestern Cancer Center at Lake Forest Hospital. Georgia shared that a Thanksgiving food drive is currently happening at CROYA in partnership with Fill a Heart 4 Kids. Lulu Flavin stated that lots has happened since September. There were lots of youth in attendance at the Homecoming Carnival meeting. Meetings in October included Ghost in the Graveyard, a Breast Cancer Pink Party, the Halloween Spooktacular, and a Tuesday evening Yoguitar class. Lulu shared that they would like to do Yoguitar again. Lulu and Tyler Klein visited Woodlands Academy to recruit students. The Fall Retreat is happening this weekend and everyone is super excited. Lulu reported that the Donut Bowl Flag Football with the Police was super awesome. It was very fun and competitive. Many officers brought their families and students asked lots of great questions. A "Silent Library" meeting, based on the TV show, will be happening after Thanksgiving.

Program Reports:

Leslie shared the Middle School dance was a great success. For the first time, ticket sales were done only online. Phones were collected for the duration of the dance, which was another first. Kids had a great time! The Fright Fest trip happened in October with 25 youth attending. Leslie has been meeting with the LBMS Library Social Media Specialist, Mallory Jorgensen, on events such as National Unity Week where CROYA helped with paper chains and bingo. The DPM Safety Series (meetings held at CROYA) wrapped up last week. Leslie met with the new DPM Health teacher and is planning to teach a Peer Pressure course at DPM. Crumbl Cookie Club has met twice on Fridays and is clearly a favorite! Thursday Cooking Club continues to have heavy participation.

Catherine stated that things have been very busy and very good! The retreat is full with 112 total attendees including 11 Freshman males. Peer Training is going really well with lots of participants. Woodlands Peer Training will be starting in February, and once complete, the entire school will be Peer Trained!

Rick reported he launched 30 CROYA t-shirts at the LFHS Homecoming Football game. Rick also served cotton candy at the LFHS Homecoming dance. A successful LFHS Booster Club pop-up sale was held in front of CROYA. An exciting new event coming up for Middle School is Taskmaster, based on the board game. Rick also reported the special order CROYA sweatshirt sale is in progress.

Foundation: Todd shared that the kitchen renovation project is on hold. The capital improvement request from the City was not approved.

Adjourn Meeting: Kristin Lee motioned to close the meeting at 9:01am. Lulu seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The next meeting will be January 9th, at 8:00am at CROYA.