



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

## CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 03-14-2023

**Attendance:** Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Leslie Walton, Catherine Grey, Christine Carr, Kristen Lee, Chloe Robb, Pride Haggerty, Zoe Frentzas, Carolyn Bielski, Stephanie Mannarino and Susan Simms.

**Motion to Open:** Christine Carr welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to open the meeting at 8:02am. Chloe concurred, and Pride seconded the motion. Motion passed. Carolyn motioned to approve the January meeting minutes. Stephanie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Chairman Report:** Christine asked the board members how they have spoken about CROYA since the last meeting. Carolyn spoke about how it was so great to see and talk to students about the retreat coming together. Chris has noticed CROYA merch being worn to the LFHS basketball games. Chloe shared that everyone is talking about CROYA at school. Zoe noted that during lunch, she invites fellow students to meetings. Carolyn commented that the CROYA Bowl fundraiser was phenomenal.

**Manager Report:** **Todd** reported that rentals have skyrocketed with Garden Club and APT meetings, and tons of dancers using the dance studio for practice for tryouts. Paws for Patrick is coming once a month. The last board meeting of the school year will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn will be terming off the board and it will be the last meeting for this year's Executive youth leaders.

**Youth Report:** **Pride Haggerty** shared the CROYA Bowl was a huge success! Lots of raffle tickets were sold and the speeches were super! **Chloe Robb** remembered the Fall Retreat was so awesome and said it seems like it happened just yesterday. She is so excited for the Spring Retreat. The Valentine's Day cards making volunteer opportunity was great. Valentine's were given to Midwest Veterans Closet. **Zoe Frentzas** shared she is excited about the March meetings, which are Bingo, Laser Tag, and the St. Pat's party, which are all interactive meetings! Counselors from the Simply Bee organization visited CROYA and led a discussion on dealing with stress and conflict. Zoe also shared the Self-Defense class led by Dwight Davis was great. There was low attendance because of spring sports tryouts, but it was fun and she learned some great tools. We will try to hold another one in May.

### **Program Reports:**

**Leslie** stated that middle school interaction is still strong with 15-20 kids attending after school. Cooking club is still a favorite every Thursday. The new Crumble Club has been held twice and will be happening again on Tuesday. Lots of Middle School partnerships are being developed. Leslie is working with Lake Forest Country Day School to provide a new program. It is possible that Leslie will teach the PALS curriculum that she teaches at Lake Bluff Middle School. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Donut Cup will be held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The t-shirt design vote will happen today. The middle school ski trip to Wilmot hosted 27-30 youth with a good mix of LBMS and DPM students. Laser tag was held last week and many new faces were seen. Food sorting for the District 67 APT spring food drive will be held at CROYA on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Lake Bluff PTO will be holding their 7<sup>th</sup> grade dance at CROYA in May. The possible theme will be 80-90's. The CROYA middle school dance will be held May 12<sup>th</sup>. Leslie is sad to report that LBMS Social Worker Carly Quick will be leaving this year. She is a great advocate for CROYA.

**Catherine** recapped the February meetings which included The Dating Game, Minute to Win It, and How Well Do You Know Me? These are always fun meetings. Peer Training is happening at Woodlands, and a couple Woodlands students came to talk about the Rotary Leadership Camp RYLA. The Spring Retreat online sign up happened! Female spots filled up in 30 seconds. There are still a few male spots open.

**Rick** shared that he was very involved in the LFHS Talent Show. It really helps build relationships for music events at CROYA, and the high school will be helping again with CROYA Battle of the Bands. Super Jam happened with 3 acts and approximately 45 attendees.

**Foundation:** The CROYA Bowl raised over \$31,000! Two groups matched two of the individual donations. The Pay Anywhere POS was used and collected \$6,000. The online donation platform Give Butter collected \$4,000. The cash total was \$1,500. The total of raffle tickets sold was \$12,000! Todd thanked Chris and Susan for organizing and preparing the food, and he shared that the band was amazing! Todd thanked Rick for all the technology work he did to prepare for the event! Todd asked, "What could have been done better?" Timing of the event was great. Many volunteers were eager to work. CROYA was very showcased! The theme opened the opportunity to do really fun things. Todd thanked everyone. We will be using the money raised to renovate the 20-year-old CROYA kitchen. Restaurateurs John des Rosiers and Collie Cole will be coming in to assess the kitchen and help with a plan. Collie is a CROYA Alumni from LFHS Class of 1996, which is the first school year Todd worked at CROYA.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Pride motioned to close the meeting at 9:04am. Chloe seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am at CROYA.