



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 05-09-2023

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

Motion to Open: Chris Carr welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to open the meeting at 8:07am. Carolyn motioned to open the meeting. Pride seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Chris motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Kate seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chairman Report: Chris asked the board members how they have spoken about CROYA since the last meeting. Kate is encouraging her 7th grader to attend the dance scheduled for this Friday, May 12th. Chloe and her friends are applying for the CROYA Senior Awards and are encouraging others to do so as well. Pride shared that the Exec elections buzz has really sparked interest. Zoe said the youth have really listened to the Exec elections' speeches. Carolyn attended an event with 5th & 6th grade students and talked CROYA up.

Manager Report: Todd reported that 115 kids voted in the Exec elections. He shared that we have just begun the new fiscal year. He thanked Carolyn Bielski for her service on the CROYA board, which has come to an end. Carolyn commented on the board and how much everyone contributes their creativity. She has enjoyed connecting with the community and is thankful for her time here. Todd shared that Julie Crouch, a Lake Forest resident and LFHS teacher, will replace Carolyn. Kristen Weisberg has asked to step down from the CROYA Board. We will need a new board member from Ward 1 or 2. Todd expressed that it would be great to have a DPM representative. Todd shared that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Paws for Patrick was at CROYA last Sunday passing out ribbons, "wag bags" and signs to the community. Activator Academy has hired a new teacher for a total of six. Lessons are held Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. A possible drum scholarship is being explored in memory of a former Activator Academy student and LFHS alum, Pierson Dapier, who recently passed.

Youth Report: Pride Haggerty talked about the potential kitchen renovation and the first meeting that was held. Another meeting is scheduled for May 17th. It was suggested we do "mood boards". **Chloe Robb** shared that the Earth Day meeting consisted of picking up trash around the outside of the facility and decorating reusable tote bags – everyone loved it! Chloe also shared the retreat was very successful. It is sad because it was the last one for Seniors. Ninety students, twelve adults, one broken window and no heat = SUCCESS! **Zoe Frentzas** shared the St. Pat's party was super fun and she has experienced lots of good CROYA times since then. The Wild West meeting was especially fun. There were three weeks of elections, with lots of different people running. It was hard to choose because everyone is so great. Zoe is looking forward to the Photo Scavenger Hunt scheduled for tomorrow.

Program Reports:

Leslie shared that Middle School events are going strong. The Donut Cup had 50 youth in attendance. CROYA is facilitating a Peer Pressure lesson in the Deer Path Middle School Health classes. This Friday is the 7th & 8th grade dance. Leslie is recruiting chaperones. Next Tuesday is the 6th Grade Welcome Party, and she is inviting all current 6th grade youth in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. PALS at Lake Bluff is going great. CROYA would like to offer PALS at DPM next year, and Leslie is likely offering PALS at Lake Forest Country Day School as well. Leslie reported that the APT Food Drive was last week and they collected 11,000 lbs. of food, which was picked up by North Chicago Community Partners. Leslie also shared that the Lake Bluff PTO's 80's Party was held last Thursday, May 4th at CROYA. They will try to schedule it earlier in the year next year. Cooking Club is going strong. Last week was a Star Wars theme.

Catherine reported that Peer Training is finishing up at LFHS, and at Woodlands Academy the Freshmen through Juniors now have all been peer trained! Dr. Kincaid mentioned that the students reference Peer Training on a regular basis. Catherine believes there will be a new Woodlands liaison for the High School Exec. Committee. The Recognition Dinner is happening Monday, May 22nd with catering by Mean Wiener. There will be speeches and the Senior Awards will be given out. The Work Trip to Habitat for Humanity in Macomb, IL is scheduled for June 12th – 16th. It's very exciting because there has not been a work trip since 2019, and CROYA is the first non-local group to visit Habitat for Humanity in Macomb. Catherine reported there are three High School meetings left; Photo Scavenger Hunt, 8th Grade Welcome Party, and End of the Year Cookout, where Kay Clifford will play and sing. The Wellness Walk at LFHS is next week.

Rick reported two youth attended Spring Break activities offered by CROYA. He also shared that CROYA's website crashed the morning of Spring Retreat registration, prompting a possible website refresh. We will be looking for feedback from youth and adults. CROYA will hold a BBQ on May 26th for the ½ day of school at DPM. Battle of the Bands will happen in June at LFHS.

Foundation: The CROYA Foundation paid for the installation of 3M safety film on all out-facing windows of CROYA!

Adjourn Meeting: Zoe motioned to close the meeting at 9:05am. Chloe seconded the motion and the motion passed. The next meeting will be July 11th, at 8:00am at CROYA.