



CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 07-11-2023

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Leslie Bruning, Catherine Grey, Christine Carr, Megan Engelberg, Alexandra Mower, Sally Swarthout, Stephanie Mannarino, Kate Leech, Susie Kullby, Julie Crouch and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Chris Carr welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to open the meeting at 8:06am. Stephanie motioned to open the meeting. Kate seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Kate motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Megan seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chairman Report: Chris asked the board members how they have spoken about CROYA since the last meeting. Stephanie shared information about CROYA sparked by Paws for Patrick yard signs. Kate Leech commented that Henry and a friend participated in the Middle School Work Stay and really enjoyed it. Stephanie inquired if it was ok to share CROYA posts.

Manager Report: Todd introduced Julie Crouch, new CROYA Board member. Keeping with tradition he passed out a quiz about Julie and everyone got to know her better! Todd reported that the CROYA Cubs game was sold out! The Italian youth group is coming next week. They will be working at the Botanic Gardens during the day and coming to CROYA after. The CROYA facility will host a Teen Wellness Group run by 360 Wellness and Coaching. It will start at 3pm and they plan to have a few meetings at CROYA this summer. Dana Olson has been asked by the Mayor to seek help from CROYA with creating an education campaign in regards to e-scooter and e-bike safety.

Youth Report: Alexandra Mower shared about the kitchen renovation project. She reported that the recognition dinner was a great success. Annie Swift, Ryland Clark and Chloe Robb were all scholarship recipients. Annie read her essay to City Council at the last council meeting. Chris asked that the essay be shared at the Village of Lake Bluff meeting.

Program Reports:

Leslie shared that lots happened in the month of May. The spring middle school dance had 250 youth in attendance with DPM, LBMS, School of St. Mary and LFCDS all being represented. It was suggested that at the next dance youth be given an incentive to give up their phones for the duration of the dance. PALS finished in Lake Bluff with 30 youth going through the program. Leslie shared that PALS starts in 6th grade in Lake Bluff. Leslie reported that 100 6th graders attended the 6th grade welcome party. Leslie also helped out at St. Mary's Field Day playing Ships and Sailors in the rain. The Middle School Work Stay consisted of two days of service projects. Henry Leech and William Elliott joined the group on Thursday for dinner with LFFD, Par King golf and CROYA overnight. The next morning they helped out at House of Peace with a few high schoolers attending as well.

Catherine reported that thirty-five 8th graders attended the 8th grade welcome party where they all enjoyed playing Flying Butts. The last high school meeting was a cook out with Kay Clifford singing and playing music for the whole group. Catherine shared that eight youth attended the High School Work Trip to Macomb, IL. They partnered with Habitat for Humanity, helping to landscape a house, clean out the thrift store and help out at an animal shelter. It was very successful and meaningful. Catherine shared there have been two summer youth meetings, including a trip to the Cub's night game, and an ice cream sundae meeting. Tomorrow's meeting will be tie-dye. The High School Work Stay is coming up July 27-28. Plans include float building for Lake Forest Day, Beacon Place, Feed My Starving Children and Camp Hope! Participants include incoming Freshmen through Seniors.

Rick reported the Friday of Memorial weekend was a ½ day for DPM, and Left Bank served hot dogs at CROYA. Over 90 youth attended! Rick also shared that 150 people attended the Battle of the Bands with Sugar Weather winning the competition. The band for the 4th of July parade was a "mix of people", basically a School of Rock band. CROYA took 1st place in the Community category. The Lake Forest Day Parade theme is "Our Community Service Organizations".

Foundation: Todd shared that there is a kitchen remodeling meeting soon with the architect on retainer with the City of Lake Forest.

Adjourn Meeting: Julie motioned to close the meeting at 9:31am. Stephanie seconded the motion and the motion passed. The next meeting will be September 12th, at 8:00am at LFHS.