



CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 09-12-2023

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Leslie Bruning, Christine Carr, Alexandra Mower, Georgia Mannarino, Stephanie Mannarino, Kate Leech, Julie Crouch, Tyler Klein, Huston O'Neil, Lulu Flavin, Scott Weston, Megan Engelberg, Mona Ferraioli, Lexi Bentley, Tess Uihlein, Evelyn Marshall, Cate Lee, Joe Remus, Maisie Henshaw, Lissy Blume, Veronica Ibarra, Anna Braun, Michaela Barry, Sara Khater, Travis Calaway, Kristen Lee and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Chris Carr welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to open the meeting at 8:05am. Stephanie motioned to open the meeting. Lulu seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Megan motioned to approve the July meeting minutes. Kristin seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chairman Report: Chris thanked everyone for their support of the Camp Hope carnival. Chris asked the board members how they have spoken about CROYA since the last meeting. Kristin Lee said she was able to connect with 20 new families through the New Student event at Lake Forest High School. CROYA hosted the first LFHS APT meeting of the school year giving members a chance to see the facility. There was talk of possible grants from APT for retreat spots. Chris shared information regarding CROYA with the kitchen staff at Camp Hope for the volunteer's children. Stephanie stated that she met Tanja Babich on an airplane and talked about CROYA.

Manager Report: Todd explained the role of the three youth Executive Committee members on the Adult Board. He also stated that he was presenting at the District 115 Board of Education meeting tonight and asked for ideas. There is talk of resurrecting Peer Advanced at LFHS, which is training by youth leaders called Sherpas. He then shared that building rentals are kicking in. Upcoming rentals include District 67 Executive APT meetings, the District 67 APT Safety Series, the Artisan Guild French Market, Paws For Patrick board retreats, Garden Club meetings, NSSRA's program Embrace, Citadel Jr. program, and dancers renting the dance studio for practice. Activator Academy is giving lessons on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. CROYA is looking to resurrect outside counseling partnerships. Todd shared that during their visit to CROYA, the Italian youth group learned the game of softball and enjoyed Chicago style pizza with a great group of CROYA youth. CROYA has spent time helping the City of Lake Forest to create an E-Scooter safety message.

Youth Report: Alexandra Mower shared the Poinsettia sale is scheduled to begin October 18th. The Fall Retreat sign ups begin on October 18th at 10am. Georgia Mannarino reported that Peer Training will be starting soon. The session lasts 11 weeks. Georgia also shared that National Suicide Prevention Week is this week. Lulu Flavin spoke about the summer High School Work Stay. There were ten high school students who participated. Service activities included "Feed My Starving Children," "Beacon Place," and the "Camp Hope" Carnival. High School meetings have been super fun. The first meeting was Flour Tag and the second meeting was Water Balloon Wars.

Program Reports:

Leslie reported that Middle School programs are up and running! And so is the CROYA van! The kids are coming back including lots of new 7th graders. Leslie shared that Middle School meetings are well attended with 20-25 students. The youth are leading the meetings and having a great time. Cooking Club meets on Thursday's from 4-5pm. Leslie shared that the fall Middle School dance will be held Friday, October 13th with students from Deer Path Middle School, Lake Bluff Middle School, School of St. Mary, and Lake Forest Country Day School invited to attend. There will be a Middle School trip to Fright Fest on Monday, October 9th. Leslie advised that she will be attending the DPM Open House on September 28th. She is also working with DPM APT on 8th grade service projects. Leslie reported that LBMS has a new social worker.

Catherine was not in attendance.

Rick reported that CROYA has a new intern from Lake Forest College named Sarah. Rick is looking to reschedule an extended hours event called "Task Master," due to CROYA staff being out due to illness. Rick shared that he will be providing cotton candy at the LFHS homecoming dance.

Foundation: Todd shared that a proposal for the CROYA kitchen renovation project was received from the architect firm that is on retainer with the City of Lake Forest. It was broken down into 2 phases.

Adjourn Meeting: Kristin Lee motioned to close the meeting at 9:14. Julie seconded the motion and the motion passed. The next meeting will be November 14th, at 8:00am at CROYA.