



CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 09-13-2022

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Catherine Grey, Leslie Walton, Christine Carr, Kristen Lee, Stephanie Mannarino, Carolyn Bielski, Kristen Weisberg, Kate Leech, Scott Weston, Georgia Mannarino, Lulu Flavin, Zoe Frentzas, Sascha Robb, Luca Ferraioli, Chloe Robb, Cole Ward, Rylan Stark, Kate Lee, Tyler Klein, Pride Haggerty and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Christine Carr asked for a motion to open the meeting at 8:08am. Carolyn motioned to open the meeting, and Stephanie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kristen motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Stephanie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Report: Christine introduced herself to the group. She shared that every two years CROYA has a fundraiser and 2023 is it! Potential dates and themes were discussed. The target month is January. It was determined that Saturday would be preferred by the students with timing being that of late lunch/early dinner. Todd asked the group what would be a good use for the money? Christine asked if there is anything CROYA needs? A kitchen update was one of the suggestions.

Manager Report: Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the reason for meeting at the high school. He asked the group to share how they have talked about CROYA since the last meeting. Stephanie shared that she has been able to tell new families on her block about CROYA. Chloe talked about reading the CROYA essays at the LB Village Board Meeting. Lulu talks to her 8th grade brother. Rylan talks up Wednesday meetings with graphics and posts on social media. Carolyn has promoted CROYA at the Freshman class meetings. Christine shares CROYA information with the Guilds at St. Mary's and people at Camp Hope. Todd reported that CROYA facility rentals are picking up with the return of Garden Clubs, Paws For Patrick, B-day parties, Citadel, APT and Kinderhaven events. Counseling partnerships are being rekindled with a visit from a staff member from the Recovery Center in LB. The staff also visited Courage to Connect Counseling Center in Lake Bluff, and is going to visit Inspire Counseling next. Todd shared that the Italian youth group made their annual visit to CROYA. This year the Italian students had internships at the Botanic Garden.

Youth Report: **Zoe Frentzas** shared that all the summer meetings were really fun. The HS meetings have been attended by many freshmen and lots of seniors. Lots of people have been inquiring about CROYA. **Pride Haggerty**, Foundation Liaison, reported that fundraiser planning is in the works. She shared that she is writing an article for "The Forest Scout". Check it out! **Chloe Robb**, CSL chair, shared that the HS Work Stay was planned with the help of Scott Weston and Lulu Flavin. Participants went to House of Peace and played games with the children, and then worked on the CROYA Lake Forest Day float. She also shared that most Wednesday night meeting attendees head to the Mean Weiner afterward. Older kids give younger kids rides and they fill the place up!

Program Reports:

Leslie stated that LB PALS will have two graduating classes. She also reported that the spring District 67 Food Drive partnered with CROYA. Students separated and bagged food. The next APT food drives will also partner with CROYA, one for Thanksgiving and one in the spring of 2023. CROYA also partnered with DPM APT to host a 7th grade dance, and about 175 youth attended. Leslie shared that she and Todd facilitated a "Ships and Sailors" game at School of St. Mary's Field Day. The MS Work Stay was great. We did 4th of July float building, attended Feed My Starving Children and had lunch at Culver's. MS meetings have started back up with about 18-25 in attendance. Students have been reading the announcements at the meeting. Thursday Cooking Club is back with plans for pasta with garlic bread, brownie and cookie baking. Grilled cheese will be happening this week. Leslie also shared that CROYA is now open at 2:35 on Mondays due to the early release of DPM students every Monday. Yesterday was the first MS Exec meeting where we talked about fun things they would like to do. The MS Fall Dance will be held Friday, October 28th from 7:30-9:30pm.

Catherine reported that 107 students attended the 1st Wednesday night meeting and 105 attended the second. The numbers may dwindle with fall sports kicking in but much fun is being had by all. 40-50 Freshman have been in attendance with a good mix of previous CROYA youth and new faces. Peer Training sign ups will begin this week using a QR code. The Fall Retreat is scheduled for November 18-20 with sign up to begin on October 12. Catherine shared that the Fall Retreat is only for new retreatants. Youth Retreat Leader meetings will start in October. The Annual Donut Bowl will take place in November.

Rick reported that Battle of the Bands was held at LFHS with approximately 150 attendees. We helped Kiwanis with set up for their annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast and received a very generous donation of \$2000. A large group attended an outing to Par King. The CROYA van was full and an additional vehicle was needed. Lake Forest Day Band Jam was a success with quality bands and a new adult band. Rick had a fun time using a T-shirt cannon, launching CROYA t-shirts at the LFHS football game. A MS Friday after hours CROYA Grand Prix is planned with giant trikes – helmets will be worn! Bubble Ball is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st with MS from 5:30-6:30pm and HS from 7-8pm.

Foundation:

Adjourn Meeting: Stephanie motioned to close the meeting at 9:23am. Kristen W. seconded the motion. Motion passed.