



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 01/09/2018

Attendance: Susie Kullby, John Maher, Jennifer Durburg, Megan Engelberg, Jennifer Riley, Beau Waligora, Spencer Silvernail, Todd Nahigian, Meghan Gayter, Leslie Walton, Rick Day and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Susie Kullby motioned to open the meeting at 8:04am. Spencer Silvernail seconded the motion. Susie Kullby motioned to approve the minutes from the November meeting, and John Maher seconded the motion.

Chairman Report: In response to the CROYA Board challenge to promote CROYA to our community, the following was reported by members. Susie K. uses her CROYA water bottle to start conversations about CROYA. Spencer S. shared that he feels the Poinsettia sale is always great advertising.

Todd passed out "Open Meetings Act" training information. He also explained what the Act is about. All Adult members will need to take the training.

Manager Report: Todd talked about a "Respect Challenge". A focus group is being developed. An email was sent to 30 community professionals, principals, social workers, deans, etc., inviting them to attend the first meeting. Thirteen people have responded. There will be a list of questions for the participants to answer. It will be important to look for solutions and not just talk about the problems. Our youth feel sheltered, entitled and feel they can do whatever they want. This problem will continue as the 8th graders will be in HS next year. With the enactment of Illinois Senate bill SB100, schools are required to take many steps before suspending a student. We must try to get to the root of the problem. What can we do to set the standards in the community? Use incidents in the community? We need to have the difficult conversations. Parents need to be part of the solution and will be included in the 2nd meeting of the focus group. Board members are excited and feel positive.

Program Reports: **Meghan** reported the graduation of 5 Peer Training Classes. Freshmen and sophomores are excited for signups for next semester. There also will be Peer Advanced Classes next semester. The study break table during finals is on Tuesday 9:55-10:25am, Ronald McDonald House is February 3rd, and the Spring Retreat is March 16-18. We are looking for junior leaders for the retreat. Spencer S. reported a Poinsettia Sale profit of \$5,836. Spencer and Beau agreed the Fall Retreat went very well. It was attended by a lot of new kids. Beau was voted to wear "Mike's pants" at the Gorton "Kids Only" Holiday Shop. The police officers really got into the Donut Bowl, where afterwards the kids asked the officers questions. It was believed to be one of the most successful. **Leslie** stated that the MS meetings are better with more planned activities like gingerbread house making and the Poinsettia Sale service project taking kids to uptown LF and LB. PALS, a MS version of Peer Training will begin at LBMS 2nd semester and will include 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Rick shared the days are hit or miss at the Student Union. They had an inflatable jousting game which was enjoyed by many. James Gurick held a focus group with 15-20 Middle schoolers in attendance. He will speak in the near future on what kids deal with on a day-to-day basis. Yasin Hussain spoke to very attentive MS students on his gaming addiction. A good discussion followed. The winter break schedule included a Movie Marathon, a field trip to Dave and Busters, an alumni lunch attended by about 15, and a surprise lunch for Joanne, also attended by about 15. The final FryDay Friday was executed and the year was finished with us "jumping into the NOON YEAR". A 3on3 basketball tourney is planned for January 15, which also is MLK service day at Gorton. Super Jam is set for 1/26. Next week our new Lake Forest College intern, Abby Samuelson, will join us for the spring semester.

Foundation Report: The CROYA Foundation provides funding for programs and supplies up and beyond what the CROYA budget can afford.

Next Meeting: Todd stated the next CROYA Adult Board Meeting is at CROYA on March 13th at 8:00am.

Adjourn Meeting: Jennifer R. motioned to close the meeting at 8:56am. Jennifer D. seconded the motion.