



**CROYA ADULT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
7/10/2018**

**Attendance:** Todd Nahigian, Susan Simms, Rick Day, Meghan Gayter, Leslie Walton, John Maher, Jennifer Karras, Gina Sobhy and Shaffer Franklin.

**Motion to Open:** Jennifer K. motioned to open the meeting at 8:09am and John M. seconded the motion. The May meeting minutes were approved as amended and John seconded the motion.

**Chairman Report:** Jennifer, the Board's new Chairperson, asked Gina and Shaffer to talk a little about themselves and their goals for CROYA. Shaffer would like to change the belief that CROYA is "clicky". Gina would like to change the "stigma". Todd stated that a lot of kids come to CROYA for different reasons. The challenge is to get different people involved, and make everyone feel welcome. Jennifer suggested hosting a brain storm session, identifying enthusiastic thinkers; no more than a dozen. Multiple sessions might be possible or if a large group, have breakouts. Stephanie Mannarino has expressed interest in joining the CROYA Adult Board, representing Ward 2. Todd will check to see who has completed the online training to be in compliance with Open Meetings Act and send a link to those who still need to do so. When have people talked about CROYA? On June 6<sup>th</sup>, LFHS Principal Holland hosted a talk about what services are available to students. It was suggested that Wellness for Life Class (mostly Freshmen) may be a great place for CROYA to be represented. John has been talking about the vision/mission statement. Todd has talked a lot about CROYA while searching for a new board member.

**Youth Report:** Shaffer reported there had been two summer meetings, one with dogs. The subject of the first meeting was how to welcome incoming freshmen; it could be a challenge.

**Program Reports:** Leslie reported the 6<sup>th</sup> grade welcome party hosted approximately 100 participants. High School Exec. members helped run games and the students played for 1½ hours! The MS work stay was attended by eight students, five were incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders; six girls and two boys. Activities included weeding and picking up garbage in LB, Feed My Starving Children, dinner with the LFFD, ice cream at Chicago Mike's in Highwood and water day at House of Peace. A first ever Parent Information Night was held May 30. Five parents attended. Jennifer mentioned that she feels the community takes CROYA for granted and it is difficult to get parents to come to things for positive reasons. Meghan reported that the HS work trip to Battle Creek, MI originally had thirteen kids signed up, but six dropped out, leaving an eclectic group of seven HS students attending. Shaffer liked the small group because it encouraged bonding. They built a ramp, fixed a roof, painted a garage, stained a fence, and dug some holes. For fun, they went to an Alligator Sanctuary and a zoo. The HS work stay is July 19-20, and Dreams for Kids, in honor of Brendan Tuohy, is July 26. Rick said CROYA won the youth division in the LB 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. This Friday, July 13, Summer Jam will be held at the LF Beach from 12-3pm. There will be food and music. The CROYA van is being used as a beach shuttle to help out with the parking issue due to the closed north beach access road. Rick also reported that Citadel Theater is renting CROYA space for their summer camps. The Cub's game outing is set for July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Foundation Report:** City workers will finish running electrical for the new lights after next week. In order to run the fundraiser, typically held in Jan/Feb, we need to find two new Foundation members, a President and a Treasurer. An accountant would be optimal for the Treasurer position.

**Manager's Report:** Todd talked about volunteering at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July band gig after the parade held at the Gazebo in LB. He presented the FY2018 final budget. Todd talked about CROYA's new values.

"CROYA is a safe 'AREA' for everyone":

**Acceptance:** A safe, welcoming environment where everyone is included.

**Respect:** We act with honesty, integrity, and self-awareness in the spirit of upholding Unconditional Positive Regard.

**Empathy:** We show compassion for others without judgment or discrimination.

**Accountability:** We are all responsible for owning our actions toward others and the CROYA facility.

**Next Meeting:** The next CROYA Adult Board Mtg. is Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 8:00am at LFHS.

**Adjourn Meeting:** John motioned to close the meeting at 9:37am. Shaffer seconded the motion.