



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 9/11/2018

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Susan Simms, Rick Day, Meghan Gayter, Leslie Walton, Sally Swarthout, John Maher, Jennifer Karras, Carolyn Bielski, Jennifer Riley, Stephanie Mannarino, Jennifer Durburg, Gina Sobhy, Shaffer Franklin, Haley Banta, Ashley Bufe, Kerrigan Weston, Jack LaVanway, Hope Alex, Gabby Moore, and Claire Jessen.

Motion to Open: Carolyn B. motioned to open the meeting at 8:02am and John M. seconded the motion. John M. motioned to approve the July meeting minutes and Carolyn B. seconded the motion.

Chairman Report: Jennifer Karras emphasized how important the use of Instagram is and then recalled a previous conversation from the last board meeting regarding exploring/polling different groups of youth as to why they would/would not be interested in CROYA. Carolyn Bielski suggested advertising “fluid doors”, addressing the challenges for kids in sports, emphasizing that it’s okay if you can’t attend all meetings. Jennifer Riley mentioned the importance of dances and activities as kids are looking for those kinds of things. Regarding the concept of the perception of cliqueness at CROYA, Gina suggested offering new activities to entice people that don’t normally come – they have a list of people to target – it’s important to keep it casual. Hope Alex wrote a presentation about CROYA. She wants teachers to be more informed about CROYA. Carolyn Bielski suggested publicizing the next 4 meetings in the hallways at school. Meghan will be in contact with the PR representatives. Carolyn also suggested a faculty open house for LFHS faculty held at the HS. Wellness for Life teachers would be a must! As the retreats have a great reputation, maybe offer a mini winter retreat.

Youth Report: Gina reported the first meeting, highlighting Flour Tag, boasted approximately 95 attendees. The second meeting was Balloon Stomp with about 60 participants. Upcoming is Bubble Ball which will be held at West Park. Shaffer reported the foundation committee is planning for the remodel of the basement room. It may include an Eagle project. It will be a place for high school students to go during after school Student Union hours. Gabby reported that the Artisan Faire was good but was rained out the last day.

Program Reports: Leslie said MS is off to a good start, welcoming 35-45 mostly pleasant students to the Student Union on a daily basis. Meetings have been successful with most kids staying after for the activity. There are equal groups of boys and girls. The 1st MS Exec meeting will be held 9/12 after school at CROYA. The 1st MS cooking club was held last week where 28-30 kids enjoyed making/eating quesadillas. The MS dance is scheduled for Sept. 28. Meghan reported that the HS program is also off to a good start. Exec is working well together and the next meeting is 9/24. Retreat planning will start in October. Peer Training will kick off in the next two weeks with traditionally 5-6 classes per semester. Peer Advanced is in its 2nd year and will start in 2 weeks. Gina and Ashley are two of the student leaders. They will be working with Deborahanne Reimer and Dan Maigler. Leaders are called Sherpas. Ashley stated that the program is designed to help kids “up the mountain” of high school. Rick recognized that behavior has been better. Security cameras have been installed. The implementation of “Values vs Rules” makes it easier to have a discussion. Values are softer than rules and easier to address making conversations more positive. Todd added that it has been a nice transition. Our new intern, Arthur Simenas – originally from Lithuania, has started. He is currently a senior at LF College.

Foundation Report: Lighting continues to be installed. It will provide cool features for dances, etc.

Manager’s Report: Sally stated that she had a conversation with the Supervisor from West Dundee who is looking to develop a place like CROYA for their community.

Next Meeting: The next CROYA Adult Board Mtg. is Tuesday, November 13th, at 8:00am at CROYA. With that being the week of the Fall Retreat, we may look for an alternative date.

Adjourn Meeting: Gina motioned to close the meeting at 9:08am. John seconded the motion.