



**CROYA ADULT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
01/08/2019**

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Susan Simms, Rick Day, Meghan Gayter, Leslie Walton, John Maher, Jennifer Karras, Stephanie Mannarino, Megan Engelberg, Jennifer Riley, Sally Swarthout, Gina Sobhy, Gabby Moore and Shaffer Franklin.

Motion to Open: Jennifer K. motioned to open the meeting at 8:00am and John Maher seconded the motion. John motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Jennifer K. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Manager Report: Todd asked the group when they had talked about CROYA in the recent months. Todd shared that a group of 4 staff and 4 youth participated in a Whirly Ball / Laser Tag outing. John attended the Illinois School Board Association of School Administrators and was able to mention CROYA twice. The Family Service therapist, Meredith, has a speaking engagement at LF Library. The Budget Summary was passed around. Todd stated that everything was looking good and on track.

Youth Report: Gina talked about the programs offered over the winter break. The Holiday Youth/Alumni luncheon was well attended. She reported that a large group of high school students volunteered at the House of Peace. There was also an Exec. Committee lunch. Shaffer reported that the CROYA / Ellie Burns Foundation fundraiser to be held on February 10th is going to be a "Boot Scootin' Barn Dance". A professional line caller will call line dancing for 45 minutes. The idea is to move away from a "fancy" vibe to a more active and fun one. There will be lots of volunteer opportunities. Invitations will go out today. Cost will be \$20 per person, \$50 per family. Encourage new families to come to CROYA – all are welcome! There will be food, line dancing and live auction items will include a Parking Spot at the LFHS for the 2019-2020 school year, Dinner for 10 by Chef Jeff Troiola (a favorite in the past), VIP spot for the Spring Retreat, Cubs tickets and Lolla tickets. Gabby stated that there was a good turnout for Open Mic Night in December. Super Jam to be held this Saturday will raise money for Benny's World. Participation will include 4 bands and 1 solo act. It will be held 7:00-10:30pm.

Program Reports: **Leslie** reported that the 7th grade LBMS Sock Hop held at CROYA was attended by 70-75 students. PALS will be starting soon at St. Mary's and the LBMS. DPM is difficult because of daily schedule. After school may be an option for DPM. Cooking Club continues to be successful on Thursday's attracting 15-20 kids consistently. The 1st MS meeting of the year is today.

Meghan reported that CROYA will be at the high school during finals week with donuts, pencils and stickers. We will start talking about the Spring Retreat to be held March 15-17th. This week's meeting was Sumo Wrestling. The end of the month high school meeting will be held at Woodlands and will start @ 5:30pm. We are scheduled to serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House on March 9th. An "Up to Us" meeting was held the beginning of December. It was the 2nd meeting held at CROYA. The theme of the group is how to stand up against sexual abuse. There were 10 HS boys in attendance – Soph. - Seniors. The challenge is to get more boys interested. Leslie commented that it was good to see the interaction and it became clear there was a lot of misunderstanding regarding the topic. Stephanie M. asked how they discussed asking questions, giving support and intervening in these situations. Meghan also reported that there were good numbers in all 7 Peer Training classes with a lot of enthusiasm. Peer Advanced for Juniors and Seniors has expanded. Gina stated that the Sherpas, the Peer Advanced leaders, have increased to at least 15 this year from 6-10 last year and the program is very successful. John shared that Sophomores may be included this semester. **Rick** reported that Arthur wrapped up his internship and will transition to a part-time staff member. The Eagle Scout project which will be in the basement room will hopefully begin soon.

Foundation Report: Board members will be transitioning this month. Susie Kullby – President, Henry Sackman – Treasurer. The Plansoen Foundation money may be used to upgrade the AV panel. The new Foundation letterhead was distributed to meeting attendees.

Chairman Report:

Next Meeting: The next CROYA Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 19th, at 8:00am at CROYA.

Adjourn Meeting: Leslie motioned to close the meeting at 8:48am. Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed.