



**CROYA ADULT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
11/12/2019**

**Attendance:** Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Leslie Walton, Catherine Grey, Jennifer Karras, Haley Banta, Megan Engelberg, Brier Gundersen, Henry Sackman, Jennifer Durburg, Sally Swarthout, Julia Hender, John Maher and Susan Simms.

**Motion to Open:** Jennifer K. motioned to open the meeting at 8:20am. John Maher seconded the motion. Jennifer K. motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Haley B. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Chairman Report:** Jennifer K. asked "How have you talked about CROYA recently?" Haley attended a YWCA meeting and talked about the importance of CROYA. Julia talked about how being involved with CROYA is helpful with college apps and essays. Brier is excited for the Fall Retreat, and she often talks about the retreats. Henry was able to mention CROYA while completing his apps for Grad School. Jennifer K. recently talked about CROYA with her Alderman and the Mayor. Jennifer K. also mentioned she would like to establish a committee for CROYA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Carolyn is working on commissioning an artist to execute a CROYA mural on the wall under the viaduct. May 30<sup>th</sup> has been designated as the event date, with a block party format featuring former bands, etc.

**Manager Report:** Todd reported that John will finish his term as the Board Member representing LFHS in May. It would be ideal to find another male to replace him. Margot Martino has given Todd many names of CROYA founding members. June 6, 1980 is the date CROYA was incorporated into the City of Lake Forest. The CROYA Foundation has offered to pay for the mural. It will be big and bright and thankful to the community. Rick is working with Mr. Douglas on a promotional video. Todd passed out Poinsettia order forms.

**Youth Report:** Haley reported that high school meetings have been well attended with the biggest being the night of the Hypnotist with 90 students. CROYA also hosted Bubble Ball and a Halloween Party. The Donut Bowl is Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm. Julia talked about the reorganization of the green room on the side of the stage. Todd stated that Little Dreamers gave a donation that may be used for a divider wall. The David Lee family gave a \$2500 donation. It may be used for the basement study room. Brier spoke about the retreat coming up. She reported there is a waitlist for girls (26) and for boys (3), and that the female slots filled in 16 minutes. She added that there is a great mix of grades, stating "the retreat is always great". The site location will need to be addressed for 2020 retreats. Retreats are a great way of bringing in new kids.

**Program Reports:** Leslie reported that fall has been busy partnering with the middle schools. CROYA hosted 35-40 students, members of DPM's Student Council, for a 3-hour leadership event. One of the team building exercises was an Escape Room. During the DPM 8<sup>th</sup>-grade service day, 25 students did service with the CROYA staff and 25 students did service with the Bounce organization. Activities needed to be switched due to inclement weather. The MS Dance was held with 100 attendees. The youth played all sorts of games and hung out with friends, while some of the group danced. We may change the name to attract more students as attendance has decreased for "dances". The trip to Fright Fest was a success with a huge group of LBMS students in attendance. All staff attended LBMS Unity Day which consisted of mini peer training sessions on peer pressure. Leslie ran activities such as Bingo and a chain activity during LBMS Red Ribbon Week.

**Catherine** reported there are 7 Peer Training classes and 6 Peer Advanced this semester. Julia noted that Peer Advanced classes are student led with no adults in attendance. The leaders are known as Sherpa's. She also mentioned there are many students interested in attending a second session of Peer Advanced. Staff also participated in LF Academy's Wellness Day by teaching a version of a Peer Training class to 3 groups of students.

**Rick** reported that Glow in the Dark Dodgeball was a bigger success than expected with approx. 75 students attending. There were many new faces which means CROYA was reaching a new group of youth. Bubble Ball was well attended by both MS and HS with attendance coming in at around 75. Open Jam had about 20 attendees and ran overtime. We have acquired new exclusive "thank you" merch. The items are t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags and graffiti art stickers. Sticker art work was provided by Eli Brezek and Ava Manelis. This merch is presented to students from staff as a thank you for going up and beyond to support CROYA.

**Foundation:** The Foundation has offered to financially support the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Megan E.**, DPM APT President, stated that the search for a new Principal will start in January with hiring hopefully in May.

**Next Meeting:** The next CROYA Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 14th at 8:00am at CROYA.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Haley motioned to close the meeting at 9:06am. Brier seconded the motion. Motion passed.