



CROYA ADULT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 09/19/2019

Attendance: Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Leslie Walton, Catherine Grey, Jennifer Karras, Stephanie Mannarino, Jennifer Riley, Haley Banta, Megan Engelberg, Carolyn Bielski, Ryan Klein, Bea Pierce, Lucas Redding, Anna Seyfert, Megan Lewis and Susan Simms.

Motion to Open: Jennifer K. motioned to open the meeting at 9:08am and Carolyn Bielski seconded the motion. Carolyn Bielski motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Megan E. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Report: Jennifer K. asked the Exec Members what they liked about CROYA. Haley – Retreats, Lucas – Retreats, Anna – The meeting after the retreat is the BEST, Bea – Meeting new people, Megan L – The group is always there for you. Jennifer and Todd talked about the fact that June 2020 will be CROYA's 40th Anniversary. Help and support from many will be needed. Ryan asked if it will be formal or a party – it will be a party with a tent, a number of alumni bands and participants. Jennifer likened it to a festive block party. The viaduct will be repainted with the 40-year theme. One of our goals is to help the community (students) understand that CROYA is not a clique. Rick is working with Steve Douglass at LFHS to have the students of the New Media class develop a segment about CROYA and the “story” of CROYA. Jennifer K. asked Board members when they have talked about CROYA since the last board meeting. Megan E. invited the CROYA Staff to attend the next Deer Path Middle School APT meeting where there will be 50-60 people in attendance. It would be a great way to inform people about CROYA and who the contacts are. Megan also commented that she thinks that DPM having a “Dean of Culture” will be a positive.

Manager Report: Todd reported that he has contacted Susan Banks regarding the repainting of the viaduct wall. An art class contest for design was suggested and then a local artist would be hired (possibly Tommy Quinn) to execute the work. This would hopefully be funded by the Foundation. Todd also shared that CROYA had a visitor from “The Losers” group. This group is documented as one of the reasons the community realized the need for CROYA. John Maher will “term off” in May 2020. Todd requested that people be thinking of a replacement and let him know. It was suggested to possibly look at parents of CROYA alumni. Todd reported on summer activities. There was a work-stay with an overnight activity, LF Day Band Jam and Summer Jam at the beach.

Youth Report: Haley stated that the first three high school meetings of the year were successful. The week of Homecoming meeting was a Hawaiian Luau. Last weeks' meeting, with about 40 in attendance, was spent in the basement due to a tornado warning.

Program Reports: Leslie stated that the summer work-stay was a great mix of students, 4 from Deer Path Middle School, and 4 from Lake Bluff Middle School. The Middle School dance for 7th and 8th graders will be held Oct. 11, 7:30-10:00pm and a Middle School trip to Fright Fest will be on Oct. 14th, 9am-6:30pm. Leslie is working with Susie Kullby and Mrs. Ryan trying to promote DPM Student Council. There will be an in-school retreat held at CROYA next Friday, with 2 students per homeroom for approximately 45 kids. There will be leadership training and problem solving. Expectations will be clear in the beginning. There will be lunch and maybe tie-dyeing t-shirts. Leslie also mentioned that many of Lake Bluff students are involved in extra-curricular activities. Leslie shared the PALS program for 6th grade LB students. Jen K. asked about 6th grade issues. Leslie shared they are mostly “friend group” drama and how to handle confrontation.

Catherine Grey is welcomed as our new High School Youth Worker.

Rick reported ‘after school hours’ are going well. On Friday, CROYA will be hosting Middle School ‘Glow in the Dark Dodgeball’ from 5:30-7:00pm. There will be teams of 4-6, tournament style play, with food and drink.

Foundation: CROYA received a \$31,250 grant from The Plansoen Foundation, which could be used toward a Student Union AV system upgrade. Leslie took Haley, Skye and Carmel to the YWCA annual meeting where they did a presentation on how CROYA used the grant money we received from them. They did a great job!

Next Meeting: The next CROYA Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at 8:00am at CROYA.

Adjourn Meeting: Stephanie motioned to close the meeting at 10:25am. Jennifer K. seconded the motion. Motion passed.