



Committee Representing Our Young Adults

## CROYA ADULT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

11/12/2021

**Attendance:** Todd Nahigian, Rick Day, Catherine Grey, Leslie Walton, Christine Carr, Kate Leech, Megan Engelberg, Jacqueline Rubin, Bea Pierce, Abby Hanlon, Kristen Lee, Susie Kullby and Susan Simms.

**Motion to Open:** Kristen Lee motioned to open the meeting at 8:04am. Kate Leech seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kristen motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Kate Leech seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Chairman Report:** Chris welcomed Kristen to the board and passed out a quiz about her so everyone could get to know her better. Chris asked the board how they had been able to talk about CROYA since the last board meeting. Susan mentioned that she wears CROYA merch when she works at Left Bank. Jacqueline shared that she wears CROYA merch to school on Wednesdays. Kate Leech said she talks about CROYA when carpooling middle schoolers. She will share CROYA merch Christmas gift opportunities with other parents. Leslie shared that kids are really into earning CROYA merch. Chris Carr mentioned that she will try to schedule a CROYA presentation at a LB Village Board meeting in the next few weeks/months.

**Manager Report:** Todd explained the responsibilities of several of the CROYA Exec Board positions to the Adult Board. He also mentioned that the youth Board Member attendees can make motions and vote during the meetings. Todd mentioned there is an increase in the Fall Retreat price from \$100 to \$125. This causes a potential total cost for the two retreats of over \$25,000. City Council needs to approve all expenditures over \$25,000. Todd asked members for their opinions on the price increase and all agreed it is a good idea. Todd spoke about how the rumors regarding the Fall CROYA Dance were addressed. He also explained that even though 6<sup>th</sup> graders are grandfathered in to attend CROYA this year, only 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to attend any large, outside events for the rest of the year. Todd reported the LF/LB Artisan Guild "French Market" was held last weekend at CROYA and it was reported to be successful.

**Youth Report: Jaqueline Rubin** reported that the meetings are going really well. She is curious to see how they will be after the Fall Retreat as fall sports will have come to an end. **Abby Hanlon** explained that the Chipotle Fundraiser is this Saturday, from 5-9pm. Flyers were passed out as well as notifications on all social media platforms. Catherine shared the online code. The Poinsettia sale has begun. **Bea Pierce** shared that the retreat is happening next week. They are excited to be returning to Camp Henry Horner. Many leader meetings have taken place. Female participation was able to be increased by 10 due to dorm sizes.

**Program Reports: Leslie** stated the Middle School group has been busier than ever with 30-50 kids attending after school per day. Café CROYA has worked keeping kids seated and socially-distanced while eating their snacks. The Tuesday MS meetings have been great. There was a Halloween party where BINGO was played. CROYA provided music for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade service walk @DPM and also participated in Red Ribbon Unity Day @LBMS. Paws for Patrick therapy dogs have attended numerous after school drop-ins bringing many new kids. MS Exec started last week. It is designed to take place once a month to collect ideas regarding activities. So far there have been many funny and good ideas. Leslie reported that there has been much participation by LB students – the van picks up LB students every day. There has been talk of the LB activities bus possibly adding a stop at CROYA to provide a ride home for LB students. Chris inquired about appealing to special needs students.

**Catherine** reported the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Donut Bowl was a success with a great game of football. Tom's donuts were served, great questions were asked by students to the Police, and even Chase the Police K-9 attended! Next week's meeting will be dodgeball. Peer training classes for this semester are halfway done. CROYA staff will soon be working with Woodlands to teach Peer Training to the entire Freshmen class. Catherine stated the Fall Retreat is in one week. The "Clear" app will be used to screen for COVID vaccination cards or negative tests. The wait list is long.

**Rick** reported on the last day off for DPM a glow dodgeball tournament was held. Eight teams participated with approximately 65 students. It ran very smooth and was great fun. After school has seen high attendance with not many behavior issues, except for some issues with mask non-compliance. LB movie day was a success with approximately 30 students attending – a Halloween movie was shown. CROYA will have merchandise at the "Lake Forest Station" opening in November, including poinsettias and socks. CROYA donated use of our outdoor speakers for the "Grateful Market" @ Beacon Place. "Friendsgiving" will be held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving from 12-2pm.

**Foundation:** Painting to refresh the CROYA facility is scheduled to begin over the winter break. Poinsettia sales provides the money for the Senior Awards and to help with youth program scholarships. At the yearly Poinsettia sellers pizza party, the youth decide on additional ways to use the money.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Kristen motioned to close the meeting at 9:11am. Megan seconded the motion. Motion passed.