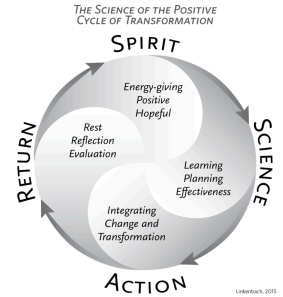


# Lake of the Woods Prevention Coalition

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## Our Mission

To unite together to inspire the youth and  
Lake of the Woods Community to prevent underage  
drinking, tobacco and other drug use.

**President – Heather Larson**      **Vice-President – Calista Wolf**  
**Secretary – Aspen Thompson**      **Treasurer – Christine Hultman**

**January 27, 2025, 12:00 Noon**  
**Ambulance Garage and Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** Heather Larson, Mary Merchant, Aspen Thompson, Calista Wolf, Jodi Ferrier, Christine Hultman, Kay Schell, Sue Johnson, Sara Thompson, Jill Olson Hasbargen, Sandy Peterson, Doris Knutson

**Call to order:** 12:03 p.m. by President Heather Larson

**Approval of Secretary’s Report:** Meeting minutes from December 9, 2024 were approved following a motion by Mary, second by Aspen.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Sandy reported \$144,303 left in DFC fund. Christine reported \$63,410 left in the CARA fund.

**DFC/CARA Grant Updates:** Sandy briefly updated on DFC business, stating that there were no new developments on an Year 11-15 extension for the DFC grant. The Minnesota Student Survey was also discussed. Doris gave the CARA grant report. Discussed was a possible new prescription drug take back box to be placed at the pharmacy. Heather reported pharmacist Janaya Wood had returned to Thrifty White so that could make a difference in getting a new take back box placed. Also discussed were updates in the Responsible Beverage Server Training to add Budtender to the acronym (RBBST). Funding to sustain the coalition was also discussed as well as the possibility of forming a committee that would investigate and facilitate new funding sources. Sue Johnson suggested the coalition apply for a TZD (Toward Zero Deaths) grant. She will send information to Sandy and Doris. Heather indicated there is a need to determine how the coalition can be continued if new grants are not received. The Minnesota Prevention Alliance’s proposal to the MDE was also discussed. The Minnesota Department of Health had requested proposals to assist the state with the required education on marijuana and other drugs that schools are required to implement as part of the new adult cannabis use laws in the state. Sandy and Doris, who are both on the MPA board, have been a part of the proposal process and updated the board on the MPA’s actions. The need for a new mission statement for the coalition was discussed and several examples were shown to members. It was decided that the

leadership team (Heather, Calista and Aspen) would discuss this further and bring their suggestions to the coalitions at the next meeting.

**STUDs Report:** No STUDs report

**Media Report:** Sara provided the media report with a focus on the “My Why” posters she was currently working on. The posters would feature some of the “My Why” responses (Why do I choose to live drug free?) that were submitted by students and staff during Red Ribbon Week. Those responses were displayed on a banner in the school commons during Red Ribbon Week and for several weeks after. Calista suggested the “My Why” theme be carried over to National Night Out as well and possibly give attendees the opportunity to submit and post their answers to that question at the event in August.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m. following a motion by Calista, second by Aspen.

**Next Meeting Date:** **April 7, 2025**