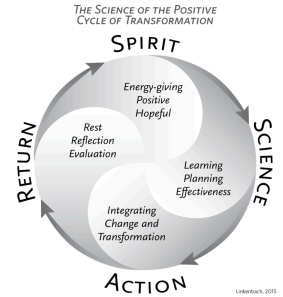


Lake of the Woods Prevention Coalition

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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 – Brent Noble **Vice-President – Heather Larson**
Secretary – Jodi Ferrier **Treasurer – Christine Hultman**

October 21, 2024, 12:00 Noon
Ambulance Garage and Zoom Meeting

Present: Joe Grund, Mary Merchant, Calista Wolf, Aspen Thompson, Jodi Ferrier, Jill Hasbargen-Olson, Heather Larson, Kay Schell, Sandy Peterson, Doris Knutson

Call to order: 12:00 p.m. by Vice-President Heather Larson

Approval of Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes from September 19, 2024 were approved following a motion by Calista, second by Mary.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Doris reported a total of around \$106,000 left in CARA fund at the end of the fiscal year. Sandy reported \$123,500 in DFC funds, with a carryover from the previous year of \$50,488. Treasurers' reports were approved following a motion by Calista, seconded by Aspen.

DFC/CARA Grant Updates: Sandy reported the DFC grant was beginning its tenth year. She also reported on some issues she had in September regarding a notification from her Grants Management Specialist. The DFC GMS has contacted Doris and Sandy to let them know there was an issue with their funding and that the coalition was on the Do Not Pay List with the IRS. After contacting the IRS, Sandy learned that was not the case and the Year 10 funds were deposited in the coalition's account prior to the end of the fiscal year. Messages sent to the GMS have not been returned. Doris reported that the CARA grant would be promoting National Take Back Day (October 26) with Facebook posts reminding the community of the locations of the two prescription drug take back boxes in our area. The boxes are located at the Lake of the Woods Sheriff's Office and CHI LakeWood Clinic.

STUDs Report: Sandy reported on recent activities of the STUDs student group. A couple meetings for Jr. and Sr. High STUDs have been held and a meeting for each group was scheduled for this week. Elections for Senior High Officers had been held and plans were underway for Red Ribbon Week, which nationally is celebrated October 23-31 each year. This year, LW School will celebrate RRW the week of October 28-November 1. A banner will be put up in the Commons with the question: What is Your Why? Students will be invited to fill out sheets with the reasons why they choose to live

drug-free. Those sheets will then be placed on the banner for all the school to see. Some “What is Your Why? Sheets were distributed to coalition members who expressed a desire to contribute. Sandy also reported plans were underway for STUDs to hold an after-school movie in the STUDs room on Wednesday, October 30. The movie being shown is “Hocus Pocus”.

Officer Nominations: Nominations for coalition officers were taken. Nominations are as follows:

Chairperson: Heather Larson

Vice-Chair: Calista Wolf

Secretary: Aspen Thompson

Treasurer: Christine Hultman

Upcoming Events: The coalition possibly having a float in the Frost Fest parade on November 23rd was discussed, as was the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. Several Senior STUDs members have indicated they would be willing to help at the event, but an adult would need to be in attendance as well. Both Aspen and Calista will be at the event and said they would be able to help as needed with a coalition trunk/table. Sandy and Doris also reported they will be conducting a Responsible Beverage Server Training the first week of December at the Moose in Baudette. Kay had heard from a resort owner at the Northwest Angle that they would like to attend any future RBSTs. Sandy/Doris will reach out to all businesses in the county who have liquor licenses to inform them of the training.

Media Report: Sandy filled in for Sara and reported on some of the things the coalition has been working on related to media and promotions. She discussed the postcards that will be sent to all parents informing them of the slideshow that will be presented by the coalition in the ITV room at Parent/Teacher conferences and inviting them to stop in to view it and to enjoy goodies provided by the coalition. Also discussed were the new pumptoppers at Co-op Services in Baudette, the fans with our messaging and the Bears logo that are distributed at home games in the gym, the intention to wrap a second door in the main gym to match the first door, and plans to provide more social media posts with our messaging/promotions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m. following a motion by Mary, second by Joe.

Next Meeting Date: **December 9, 2024**