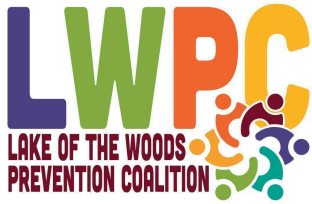
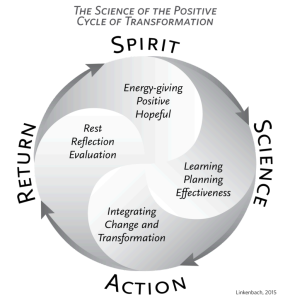


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**Our Mission**

*The Lake of the Woods Prevention Coalition is dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals of all ages in our community by encouraging collaboration and partnership. Our mission is to promote mental, physical, and emotional wellness while supporting a lifestyle free from substance misuse.*



**President –Heather Larson  
Secretary – Aspen Thompson**

**Vice-President – Calista Wolf  
Treasurer – Christine Hultman**

**September 15, 2025, 12:00 Noon  
Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** Kay Schell, Aspen Thompson, Heather Larson, Mary Merchant, Keegan Foss, Joyce Palm, Precilla (student), Sara Thompson, Sandy Peterson, Doris Knutson

**Call to order:** 12:00 p.m. by Heather Larson

**Approval of Secretary’s Report:** Meeting minutes July 28, 2025 were approved following a motion by Mary, second by Aspen.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Christine reported \$6,767.67 left in CARA account, which will go mainly for payroll. Sandy reported \$17,435 left in DFC account. Sandy reported the six-month DFC No Cost Extension she had applied for had been denied. Motion to approve Treasurers’ Reports made by Aspen, seconded by Joyce. Motion unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

- Sandy and Doris provided brief updates on the new mission statement that was approved, the newly opened savings account at Border Bank and the continued need for additional funding for the coalition.
- A brief update was provided on the success of the 2025 National Night Out event.

**New Business:**

- DFC Report: Sandy reported on the DFC closeout, which she still has not received information on. She also informed the coalition that the six-month DFC No Cost Extension request was denied.
- CARA Report: Doris had nothing new to report.
- STUDs Report: The first meeting has been scheduled for October 2 and Red Ribbon Week plans are underway. Lake of the Woods School will celebrate RRW October 20-24. The theme is “Life is a Puzzle. Solve it Drug Free”. Sandy and Doris shared some of the ideas they had for student activities, bulletin boards, etc.
- Discussed cleaning out the office at the school and discussed what was okay to dispose of. Coalition okayed Sandy and Doris to get rid of unnecessary/unused items at their discretion.

- Discussed the Communities That Care grant and the requirement of having a group of key leaders. Several attending coalition members expressed their interest in being a part of the key leader board.
- The Trunk or Treat event held annually at First Lutheran in Baudette was also discussed. The STUDs group has participated in the past. Sandy and Doris will try to find senior STUDs members to host a “trunk”, and Heather and Aspen volunteered to assist them at the event.

**Media Report:** Sara provided the report and discussed plans to cover the second set of gym doors at the school to match the doors that were done last year. She shared the design with the coalition. She also shared new images that will go on the media screens in the commons at the school. Also discussed was using information gathered from Red Ribbon Week and using it in future messaging.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m. following a motion by Mary, second by Joyce.

**Next Meeting Date:** November 3, 2025  
December 15, 2025  
January 26, 2026  
April 6, 2026  
June 1, 2026  
July 27, 2026  
September 14, 2026