

## **LCAT Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

9:00 am-10:00 am

**In Attendance:** Diana Karls, Patti Herman, Jill Gade, Adam Steinberg, Sue Miller, Brittanie Dempsey, Dietrich Gruen, Zoe Nieting, Chief Wayne Smith, Deanna Lord, Adria Schroeder, Dr. Vince Breunig, Terry Haag, Bryan Bilse, and Sara McChesney.

**Welcome and Introductions:** New attendees: First Presbyterian Church of Lodi represented by Interim Pastor Dietrich Gruen and Zoe Nieting, Administrative Assistant.

**LCAT Summer Updates:** Check out the [LCAT Summer Slideshow](#)

- Youth Risk Behavior Survey Summit Recap: This event focused on examining trends in substance use and mental health among local youth. Nineteen people attended, representing various sectors, including youth, parents, business, schools, law enforcement, healthcare, and local and state leaders.
- Duck the Wall with Art Show: The event was held on Friday, August 1, in conjunction with Reach Out Lodi's fundraiser, Chalk the Walk. 13 students participated in the event.
- Leadership Council Trip: The event was held at Devils Lake State Park. 14 students attended and participated in team-building games and engaging conversations.
- National Night Out (NNO): This year, LCAT brought in new youth-focused vendors: Lodi Wrestling Club, 4-H, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts. Thank you to Sue Miller for volunteering! Things that went well: signs to mark vendor locations, and the LCAT table at the entrance of the park.
- Picture Day: LCAT had a booth at picture day and gave away free medication lock boxes, prevention information, and resources. Several parents stopped at the table and shared that they remembered LCAT from NNO.
- Susie the Duck Parade: LCAT participated in the Susie the Duck Parade. Thank you to Terry and Rich Haag for driving and pulling the LCAT trailer.

**Facebook Reach:** LCAT is seeing an increase in our reach on social media. From July 22, 2020-August 18, we reached over 3,000 people. This is an increase of 184%. Additionally, we've partnered with the school district's social media person to post LCAT-related projects and events on their page. Please follow us on Facebook at Lodi Action.

**LCAT Trailer Usage:** The LCAT trailer has been utilized for community and school events starting in May. It was used at One Mother of a Run, OSC, National Night Out, and Susie the Duck Parade. It will be used between the soccer and the football team for a total of 15 times from August until October. It will be parked from November until Spring.

**National Night Out Survey Highlights:** We received 12 responses.

- When asked how they heard about the event 33% said they heard about it from a community member.
- The event was rated a 5/5

- Comments and suggestions were positive. A comment from an attendee stated: “NNO is one of my favorite events in Lodi-a true community, family-oriented event featuring our first responders. This comment beautifully captures the purpose of the event. The group discussed other suggestions, such as more garbage cans, engaging older youth, and food vendors accepting cards (Venmo or a similar platform).

#### **National Night Out Location Discussion:**

Due to upcoming road construction, the 2026 National Night Out cannot be held at Habermann Park. LCAT is going through the process of selecting a new location. Three potential locations have been identified: Lodi Fairgrounds, Lodi Middle School, and Lewis-Byrns Park. LCAT will gather additional information and give a status update at the September meeting.

#### **Next LCAT Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 17, at the School District of Lodi Board Room

**Guest Speaker/Discussion** Director of [Kinship Mentoring of Columbia County](#). Come and learn about the new Kinship Mentoring lunch buddy program at the Lodi Elementary/OSC! Bring anyone interested in learning more or becoming a lunch buddy to the meeting.

#### **Follow Up:**

- LCAT will look into Instagram
- LCAT will create three plans for the potential locations for the 2026 NNO and share them with the group
- Attendees will identify or invite potential lunch buddy volunteers to the next meeting to learn about the new lunch buddy program in collaboration with [Kinship Mentoring of Columbia County](#).