

# UCBMA Meeting Minutes 7-17-2024



## Welcome

- Sheree Marcum began the meeting at 5:07 and welcomed everyone. Sheree and Sandy Kuznof were the hosts for tonight's meeting. Sheree reminded everyone about utilizing our members table for business cards, promotional offers and referrals. Extra Food Truck Rally T-shirts were available on the table for members to take as well.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Motion to approve our June meeting minutes: 1st Janie Cochran-Rattman 2nd Denise Reier
- Steve Whyne provided our Treasurer Report: Money Market: \$50,764, Checking \$60,662 and Community Foundation: \$5883, Total: \$ 117,309
- Tonight's food provided by UCBMA. Sandy Kuznof graciously picked up food items, baked desserts and brought them to our meeting. If anyone is interested in donating/sponsoring food for an upcoming meeting, please go to: <https://ucbma.com/members>. This is a great opportunity to promote your business.

## About UCBMA

- What we do / how we operate / become a member: details were provided on power point and available at [www.UCBMA.com](http://www.UCBMA.com)

## Members & Guests

- Welcome Guests:
  - Renee Ross of West Chester Cooperative Nursery School
  - David McVey of USA Benefits Group
  - Cheryl Greenfield, an Empowerment Mindset Coach
  - Jeff Morgan with Lakota Robotics
  - Jimmy Choate with Lakota Robotics
- Member introductions
- Our Member Speaker: Lakota Robotics – Emily Morgan / Amanda Choate brought students Jack, Paige and Lauren to present the Lakota Robotics grant request.
  - The Lakota (1038) Robotics team is composed of 60 Middle and High School students from 7 different school districts.
  - They are the top 10 robotics team in the state
  - Free for participants
  - They rely on sponsors and grants to fund their program's needs. They are seeking \$1,000 grant from UCBMA to help raise funds for a new trailer. They need to raise \$20,000 to purchase this.
  - Their new STEM center (donated by Paul George) will have their grand opening on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 located at 6856 Dimmick Rd. West Chester, Ohio
- Upcoming Member Events
  - Focus on Youth: FREE Community Event, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Boys/Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty (details on website)
  - Companions on a Journey: Vince Munafo Memorial Golf Outing, August 7<sup>th</sup> (details on website)
  - Reach out Lakota – Top Golf Fundraiser, September 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30pm (details on website)
  - If you interested in posting an event for your organization, please see website for details to request a post: [www.ucbma.com/members/member-event-form](http://www.ucbma.com/members/member-event-form)

## Grants and Sponsorships

- \$10k budgeted for each. Sponsorship remaining: \$2,900.00 Grant remaining: \$5,000.00
- July Grant Requests: Lakota Robotics, Emily Morgan/Amanda Choate
- July Sponsorship Requests: None
  - Janie Rattman reviewed the criteria for submitting a request for a Grant or Sponsorship:
    - Must be a 501C3 (Non-Profit)
    - Serving Butler County

- All grant & sponsorship requests need to be made by the 5th of the month. Sponsorship requests applications must be submitted at least 3 months before funds are needed.

## Food Truck Rally Highlights

- 42 food trucks, 38 sponsors - Thank you for all who Volunteered!
- Volunteer t-shirts: Extras Available
- Funds raised: \$132,385.23
- Beneficiary: Safe Haven Farms. Check will be awarded in August Meeting
  - Criteria for Beneficiary Recipient will be formalized with an application process going forward
- Street Food Competition Winners: The Naughty Lobstah (Entrée), All Good Stuff (Appetizer), Cheesecakeery (Dessert)
- General Feedback on how we did? Send email to [info@ucbma.com](mailto:info@ucbma.com)
- Food Truck Rally 2025 – TENTATIVELY June 6, 2025 (Pending West Chester TWP confirmation)

## Other Business

- UCBMA has been offered an additional Tap Takeover on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-9pm. We need 2-3 more volunteers!
- Denise Reier discussed the details of the New Membership Committee –
  - We will meet separately once a month to plan and execute recruitment of new members
  - Those interested in helping drive new membership for UCBMA, please contact Denise Reier at [marketing@ucbma.com](mailto:marketing@ucbma.com)

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- Interested in member speaker slot or sponsoring food? Send email to [info@ucbma.com](mailto:info@ucbma.com)

## Raffles

- Larry Shideler of H7 donated a \$25.00 Shell Gas Card won by David McVey
- Steve Whayne of Miami Regionals donated a tumbler filled with chocolates won by Alyssa Louagie

## Member Voting

Grant Request from Lakota Robotics:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500    \_\_\_\_\_ \$750      X   \$1,000

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- Next meeting is Tuesday August 20th

33 were in attendance tonight.