

UCBMA Meeting Minutes 9-19-2024



Welcome

- Janie Rattman Director of Safe Haven Farms and VP of UCBMA began the meeting and welcomed everyone at 5:07
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Janie reminded everyone to use the member table in front of the room to share your information. Place your flyers, business cards and promotional offers. Also, use referral forms to help promote each other's business!
- Motion to approve our August meeting minutes? 1st Nancy Williams 2nd Jeffrey Diver
- Steve Whayne provided the Treasurer Report: Money Market: \$51,165, Checking \$40,954 and Community Foundation: \$6,077, Total: \$98,197
- Tonight's food provided by UCBMA/Janie Rattman. If anyone is interested in donating/sponsoring food for an upcoming meeting, please go to <https://ucbma.com/members>. Sponsors will also get to speak at the meeting.

About UCBMA

- What we do / how we operate / becoming a member

Members & Guests

- Welcome Guests! quick introduction by members and guests.
Our guests tonight:
 - Adam and Sheila Spangler of NuVantage Life/ Healthcare
 - The Lakota Robotics Team: Jack with Amanda Choate, Jimmie Nichols and Emiley Morgan
- Member Speakers:
 - Suzi Redding, Owner and Agent of Shelter Insurance in West Chester: Shelter Insurance has been around since 1946, a Mutual company governed by policy owners. Suzi has 17 years in insurance and believes "Our people make the difference" for supporting your Home, Life and Auto Insurance needs.
 - Lakota Robotics – Emily Morgan- Provided an Update on Their Grand Opening/ Open House: October 17th 3:30-6:00. Located at the Paul George STEM Center, 6865 Dimmick Rd. West Chester, OH. Guided tours, and a reception with refreshments available that day. Flyers were provided for the event and need for donations to purchase a new team Trailer.
 - Emiley presented a picture plaque from the Robotics Team thanking UCBMA for their support. Becky Wilber President, and Janie Rattman, Vice President of UCBMA graciously accepted the plaque.

Grants and Sponsorships

- Janie reviewed the selection criteria for Grants and sponsorships (found on our website) and gave the funds remaining for 2024:
- \$10k budgeted for each. Sponsorship remaining: \$1,900.00 Grant remaining: \$3,000.00
- September Grant Requests: Renee Ross of West Chester Cooperative Nursery School asking for a \$1,000 grant to help cover costs of marketing, outings for the children, and outdoor play and storage space.
- September Sponsorship Requests: Alyssa Louagie of Companions on a Journey requesting a 1,000 sponsorship for their Morning of Hope Breakfast on November 7th at the Holiday Inn.
- Ballots were distributed at the end of the meeting. Results of the voting ballots:

- **My vote on the Grant Request from: West Chester Cooperative Nursery School**

_____ \$0 _____ \$500 _____ \$750 X \$1000

- **My vote on the Sponsorship Request from: Companions on a Journey**

_____ \$0 _____ \$600 X \$1000

For Grant/Sponsorship requests, submit online: ucbma.com/grants-requests

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 2025

- Still working on Criteria for Beneficiary Recipient will be formalized with an application process going forward
- Food Truck Rally 2025 – TENTATIVELY June 6, 2025 (Pending West Chester TWP confirmation: Finalize September 2024)

Other Business

- October is New Member Recruitment Month! Share with other local organizations and businesses and bring them with you in October! This meeting is free and focused on socializing, networking and driving new members!
- Anyone else interested in helping drive new membership for UCBMA, please contact Denise Reier at marketing@ucbma.com

Reminders

- Bring materials for member table, use referral forms to help drive business!
- Interested in member speaker slot or sponsoring food? Send email to info@ucbma.com

Raffles:

- Larry Shideler of H7 donated an Auto First Aid Kit won by Carol Venn
- Steve Whayne of Miami Regionals donated a MU Tumbler won by James and Nancy Williams
- Roon Koons with Cincinnati Children's donated 4 tickets to the Reds won by Nancy Wispianski
- Becky Wilber of Taco Bell/CTI Restaurants donated two \$10.00 gift cards to Taco Bell won by Dr. Sheila Spangler and Suzi Redding

Networking

- Enjoy drink and food - member voting

Total in attendance-28