

UCBMA Meeting Minutes 2/24/2026

Welcome

Denise Reier began the meeting at 5:20 and welcomed everyone to our new meeting space.

Thank you to our host: The Cameron Group: Helena and Marc with Sibcy Cline

Tonight's food provided by UCBMA

About UCBMA

What we do / how we operate / become a member

Reminder: New meeting schedule business cards available at the front registration table

Members & Guests

Denise asked that each member and guest do a quick introduction.

Ice Breaker: Amongst your table, everyone pull up the very first picture on your phone and tell the story behind it. Select the best one to share with the whole group.

Guest Speaker: Alberta Ablordeppey - is the founder of the non-profit organization Highly Favored Foundation. The Foundation serves needy families in Butler County who live in poverty. Their mission is to provide hope and transform lives by empowering vulnerable families, women, and children in need.

Grants and Sponsorships

2026 Balance is _____.

In the past we began the year with \$20,000 for grants and sponsorships. The executive committee voted for this increase – Voter Ballots available to Members upon sign-in registration.

Requests for February Consideration:

- Edge Teen Center: Shamrock Shuffle March 14th– \$1,000
 - Need item for swag bag
- Big Brothers Big Sisters / Night at the Derby April 18th – \$1,000
 - sponsorship gets 2 tickets (Jeanna and husband interested in attending).
- Hope's Closet: Hope in Bloom Fundraiser April 18th – \$1,000

Food Truck Rally – Friday, June 5 th

Denise discussed the Construction at @ the Square / Clock Tower and gave an Update on the transformation. UCBMA will host its first event with a Takeover at the Square on Thursday, June 4th.

Sponsorship Applications are now open on line and in print.

o Brochure and printed application available on member table

o Online signup and payment: <https://ucbma.com/food-truck-rally/become-a-sponsor>

Food Truck & Vendor Applications

o Applications will OPEN on February 2 nd and CLOSE on February 25 th

Member Reminders/Other Business

Member Events

- o Focus on Youth – Connect Conference Mar 6-7 (already provided sponsorship \$\$)
Includes 3 tickets – anyone interested please let Janie or I know ASAP (COJ or Easterseal Redwood might like to attend ?)
- o March 14 th – Shamrock Shuffle-EDGE Teen Center
- o April 10-12 th – Lakota West Theatre presents: Les Miserables
- o April 18 th – Hope’s Closet: Hope in Bloom Annual Fundraiser
- o April 18 th – Big Brothers / Big Sisters – Night at the Derby

Voting Results

2/24/2026: UCBMA Member Ballot

Grants and Sponsorship Applications

(PASTE IN 2/26 BALLOT) ALL THREE WERE GRANTED THE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS

Thank you to the following members for their raffle donations: