

## UCBMA Meeting Minutes 11/18/19

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- Meeting began at 5:05pm
- Rebecca Wilber, President of UCBMA welcomed members and guests. Gave a brief account of her passion for the UCBMA and the pride she takes in difference we make in our community.
- Thank you to Main Event for allowing us to host our meeting here last minute! Becky explained the last minute change in venue for our meeting. Due to change in management, the cost of having our meeting at Top Golf would have been over \$3,000 which was unacceptable. The Main Event graciously stepped up with an incredible value for food, the room, and free one hour game cards, for less than \$300.
- Becky explained the absence of a flag for the Pledge of Allegiance and Jennifer Gross offered to bring up an American flag on her cell phone for everyone to look towards.
- Our 2020 Food Truck Rally will be on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The following non-profit organizations will be considered as the beneficiary and did a short presentation for their cause.
  - **Angel Fund**-Donna Leslie, Co-Chairman and Kelly Gilbert, Committee member, passed out brochures and spoke on the details of their organization.
    - Angel Fund began 15 years ago
    - They offer a one-time emergency financial assistance grant to neighbors in crisis
    - Angel Fund Recipient must live, work or attend church in West Chester or Liberty Township
    - They have given \$23,000 to date, with \$2,000 being the average grant
    - Funding comes from private donors and collaborate with local agencies
    - No employees, no overhead costs, just an 18 member committee of volunteers
  - **Easter Seals**- Jill Cates, Secretary on Executive Team and her Easterseals' colleague Lauran McHaffie, gave informational handouts and explained importance of employment and workforce programs of Easterseals.
    - Programs are tailored and proven to provide comprehensive solutions to people living with disabilities, disadvantages, and local veterans.
    - Employment is not just a paycheck. It provides a sense of belonging, purpose, and self-worth
    - Easterseals helps nearly 800 people in Butler and Warren Counties change the direction of their lives through employment
    - 85% of those served, live below the poverty line
    - Therese and Augustin Tshiboyi, spoke on the life changing milestones and benefits their son Nathan achieved through Easterseals' programs.
  - **StarShine-Hospice**- Kerry Hendel, Vice President of Executive Team, and Chuck Thompson, Advisor to the Board, are both volunteers with Starshine and spoke of their mission.
    - Starshine Hospice provides psychological, social, emotional and financial support to families with children that have terminal illnesses. They help people in Greater Cincinnati, but also here in Butler County
    - There are very few Hospice services for children

- Their mission is to create wonderful moments for the children while providing happy memories for the families
- Bereavement services are offered two years after a child passes; camps for siblings, counseling for all
- Skilled nurses and Expert Pediatric Nurses provide the needed care and treatment in home
- Currently 140 are under their care. Newborn up to 31 years of age.

Becky asked for a round of applause for all 3 of the organizations, who make a difference in our community. Members will cast their vote tonight and the recipient will be announced at our December Holiday celebration.

- Becky shared the joint Fundraising Event/opportunity for the Arts Council. The Township approached with the idea to have the UCBMA help support the local artists in an event to be held at the Muhlhauser Barn in April. Several artists will be featured, there will be an entry charge, beer and wine, and light bites will be served.
- Our Holiday Celebration will be Thursday, 12/5 at Funny Bone in Liberty Center. The event will begin at 6:00, rather than our normal 5:00pm start. Show will be at 7:30. Please bring your significant other or a friend. One per member.
- Members are asked to bring unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots to our Holiday Party. Our meeting space at Funny Bone is free of charge with our donation of toys.
- Our Holiday monetary gifts will be presented to these two organizations that night
  - HART- Animal Rescue
  - The Eve Center-a Women's Counseling center to promote hope, healing and growth
- Our New Member Event 10/17 at Ohio Eagle Distributing was a huge success. We had 62 Members and 11 guests in attendance.
- There were no Grant Requests for November. We budgeted \$9,000 for 2019, but we have only granted \$4,000. The remaining \$5,000 will roll over to 2020.
- Sponsorship Request for November is Edge Teen Center. In 2019 we have spent \$18,134 in sponsorships. Members will vote to provide sponsorship for \$1500, \$1,000 or \$500. Brenda spoke about the organization:
  - A non-profit that is 10 years old
  - Invests in students 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades
  - All programs and services are geared towards prevention of after school activities and behaviors that could be unsafe or harmful to students left alone
  - 3 Programs with Lakota Schools provide a safe place after school to eat, learn, serve the community, obtain job readiness, receive counseling, and connect with other teens
  - The Annual Event will be held February 2020. This year it will be less formal. Dinner by the bite prepared by students, Trivia contests, and raffles

-UCBMA's sponsorship will provide tickets to the event, be included in all marketing materials for the event as well as on the website

- Please renew memberships by February 2020. \$50.00 for membership if you volunteer, \$100.00 if you do not volunteer.
- New Members and guests asked to introduce themselves. Maureen Johnson with Building Blocks For Kids is a new member. Matt Atwood with Grow Social Media Marketing, Jennifer Gross with Optavia Health Coaching, and Gonzalo Herrera with Action Coach were guests tonight.
- Raffle donations:  
Larry Shideler Provided a silver dog shaped picture frame. This was won by Lauran McHaffie  
15 free admission tickets to Holiday in Lights at Sharon Woods were provided with our sponsorship last month to them.  
Winners of tickets were: Susannah Leithart, Sandy Kuznof, Janie Cochran, Jennifer Gross, Joe Poye, Matt Atwood, Jonathan Bollin, Larry Shideler, Carol Venn, Tonya Wolfe, Sheryl Tischer, Tammie Koster, Steve Eroskey, Gary Rasmussen, and Amy Hellard.
- Existing Member sharing: Kerry Hendel stated that if Starshine Hospice was the beneficiary of the 2020 FTR, all funds would go directly to Starshine  
-Susan Hendel congratulated Jamie Beringer for her nomination for West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance Women of Excellence  
-Dr. Amy Hellard announced that she now has a new Associate Veterinarian  
-Natalie Reder announced that her daughter helped rebuild the Lakota East Divisional soccer team and they won the championship  
-Shane McRoy – announced the new menu insert at UNOs offering low carb, lower calorie, vegan and vegetarian items. He added that Taco Bell will have a new menu item this week, the rolled chicken taco
- Becky asked if all members received the weekly blast from UCBMA because it is the main communicator for events, locations, volunteer needs etc.. One member raised his hand and was assured he would be added to the email blast.
- Ballots were passed out for members to vote. Becky asked for two volunteers to help count the votes as Kerry Hendel and Jill Cates (who typically count the votes) were representatives of 2 organizations on the ballot.
- Everyone was invited to enjoy the buffet of food items in back and to utilize the game cards for up to an hour of play tonight.
- Total in attendance was 52

Our Next meeting will be our Holiday Party on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at The Funny Bone – 6PM. 7:30 Show after our meeting. Please plan on staying for the show .