

UCBMA Meeting Minutes 9.19.2023



Welcome

- Linda Lack, UCBMA Treasurer and Denise Reier, our Marketing Ambassador and Owner of The Print Bug helped lead our meeting tonight. The start time was 5:10pm.
- Tonight's food was graciously donated by: Denise Reier. Denise provided pasta and salad from Olive Garden along with homemade goodies.
 - Our New Member Meeting is October 10th and Diane Littick and Ally Tomlinson of REACH Magazine have offered to sponsor the food for that night. Our November 15th meeting will be sponsored by Companions on a Journey. We would so appreciate it if a member could sponsor our December 7th Holiday celebration. If you are Interested, please Let us know tonight or reach out via info@ucbma.com
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Motion to approve our August meeting minutes: 1st Janie Cochran, 2nd by Carol Venn.

Treasurer Report. Linda Lack. Money Market: \$49,929, Checking \$31,631 and Community Foundation: \$5,706. Total: \$87,266.

Sponsorships & Grants

- \$10k budgeted for each. \$3,500 remaining in Sponsorships and \$3,000 in Grants. No more than \$1000 in monthly grants.
 - September Grant & Sponsorship requests: None this month. More information needed or submitted too late to consider this month.
 - August sponsorship: Companions on a Journey. \$2500 given to support their Morning of Hope: A Breakfast Fundraiser on November 28th.
 - August grant: None.

All grant & sponsorship requests need to be submitted on the UCBMA website by the 5th of the month. Earlier of possible!

New Member Committee

We have set up a new membership committee. They are off to a great start! Denise Reier has stepped up to lead this group. Our New Member Drive is September-December. Volunteers to take on this important task are Larry Shideler, Anthony Lange, Alyssa Louagie, Carol Venn & Janie Cochran. Thank you! They will meet tonight after this meeting.

- Denise reported on current work and the future vision of UCBMA:
 - Denise asked for additional members to volunteer to recruit former members via email and phone calls. Jeanne Brauns, Linda Abramovitz, Ally Tomlinson, and Steve Whayne offered to help in these efforts.
 - The New Membership Committee has a goal to expand the types of business members, for profit more specifically. A formal networking function will be part of the agenda each month, along with a referral process to enhance each other's businesses. There will also be a 5-minute spotlight for 1-2 members to make a pitch about their business, announce any events and or celebrations.

Denise will post any upcoming events your organization may have on the website. There will be a calendar of all events shared on the UCBMA website.

Miscellaneous

- Looking for a new treasurer to assist & eventually relieve Linda Lack. Steve Whyne of Miami Regionals has offered to take on this future role.
- Dues are just \$50 a year if you can volunteer & \$100 if you cannot. Pay online at www.ucbma.com or by check. All membership fees will be renewed one year after payment is submitted.
- Welcome to our visitors & introductions:
 - Greg and Mary Noe of Excelsior a non-profit organization
- Raffles:
 - \$15.00 gift card to Subway donated by Larry Shideler of H7 Networking was won by Mary Noe
 - A Miami University Travel Mug filled with candy donated by Steve Whyne of Miami Regionals was won by Alyssa Louagie.
 - Circus Tickets valued at \$120.00 donated by Ally Tomlinson of REACH Magazine was won by Doug Meddings.
- Current member updates:
 - Linda Abramovitz has changed companies and is now with Netivia
 - Carol Venn announced a “Welcome Home Veterans” event at Summit Park on September 27th at 11:00. Free lunch included.
 - Denise Reier of the Print Bug announced that she has new equipment to create promotional business items in house along with a transfer printer to make single or a few T-shirts. Same day turnaround!
 - Sara Gabbard of Edge Teen Center needs golfers for their upcoming Golf outing on October 6th. Details posted on UCBMA website.
 - Alyssa Louagie of Companions on a Journey thanked everyone for the \$2,500 sponsorship of their Breakfast of Hope event on November 28th.
 - Janie Cochran (now Rattman) our VP of UCBMA and Executive Director of Safe Haven Farms, announced their virtual walk from October 6-October 28th. Post cards were distributed and will be posted on UCBMA website.
 - Chuck Thompson announced a fund-raising event for StarShine Hospice of Children’s Hospital on October 14th from 9:00am-4:00pm at Children’s Hospital in West Chester.
- Tony Lange of Queen City Mobile Food Truck Association announced it was his 56th Birthday. Everyone sang happy birthday to Tony.

2023 UCBMA Meetings at 5pm. Ohio Eagle

10/10/2023	Tuesday: Janie Cochran & Jill Cates (new member event)
11/15/2023	Wednesday: Layne Butler & Kevin Moore
12/7/2023	Thursday (Holiday Party): Becky Wilber & Kevin Moorman

Next Executive Team Meetings: 10/5, 11/7 and 12/15 at 4:30pm at Back Porch.