

# UCBMA Meeting Minutes 6/24/2025



## Welcome

- Welcome: Meeting began at 5:05 with Denise Reier / Steve Whyne. Denise invited everyone to participate in the networking Icebreaker to find “common ground” among two attendees with the same number (given at check in). This activity ended at 5:25.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Tonight’s food provided by UCBMA

## About UCBMA

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

## Members & Guests

- Networking Activity: Each set of individuals introduced themselves to everyone along with their unusual/unique commonality.
- Welcome to our guests:
  - Jennifer Breen with Coldwell Banker
  - Kathie Bethel-Clarke-29 Company Coast to Coast
  - Leo Dunnigan with Wealthwave
  - Grace Deaton with Inspirational Studios
  - Renee Kirshner with Focus on Youth

## Grants and Sponsorships

- \$10k budgeted for each. Sponsorship remaining: \$6,500.00 Grant remaining: \$5,500
- June Grant Request: Inspiration Studios, Grace Deaton, Development and Marketing Manager: Grace explained the 3 programs within Inspirational studio located on High Street in Hamilton: **Inside Out Studio**-Serving adults with disabilities to create and sell art in their retail storefront. Each individual receives 50% of the items they sell.

**Inspired Transportation** is a program that provides specialized training in working with those that we serve. It is important to us that the drivers of our fleet be trained to interact with and be sensitive to the needs of individuals with disabilities.

**Inclusive Wellness** is a day habilitation program that focuses on health and wellness. The program’s foundation rests on five crucial categories: Physical Education, Nutrition, Mental Health, Financial Wellness, and Social and Community Inclusion.

## Food Truck Rally – Preliminary Results

- The stormy weather caused early wrap-up.
- Thank you to our Volunteers! A Special Thank you to Lakota Robotics for their incredible team of volunteers before, during, and after the Food Truck Rally!
- Funds Raised
  - Sponsorship total: \$38,450 (vs 2024 - \$36,750) – does not include in-kind donations
  - Food Truck entry fees: \$20,475.00 (vs 2024 - \$21,000.00)-there were 2 free truck entries that won this from the food contest last year.
  - Drinks (Soda/Water/Adult Beverages: \$40,435.48 (vs 2024 - \$46,824.23) We lost 2 hours of beverage sales this year.

- Total funds raised: \$110,274 (vs 2024 - \$110,385)
- Finalizing expenses – Final Results in July Meeting along with check presentation to the Robotics Team
- Other Highlights
  - New credit card machines – feedback has been very positive.
  - Food Truck Competition – issues with QR Code caused issues. We reached the Maximum number of entries with only 5,400 votes. All Good Stuff was the winner.
  - Our addition of Seltzers this year was a hit!
  - T-shirts – those not picked up at Rally, can be collected tonight
  - Yard Signs – Please collect and drop off at: The Print Bug, 4934 Wunnenberg Way, West Chester OH
  - Kevin Moorman and Jimmy Nichols were the winners of the Networking Ice Breaker having the most unique common experience! Engravable (by The Print Bug) wood cutting boards were their prizes.
- 2026 Planning
  - Formal Volunteer Program-Looking to ensure FTR staff by giving back to the Non-profits that provide volunteers.
  - The 2026 FTR Beneficiary Application will be available online in the Fall.

### Voting Ballot:

· Majority vote on the Grant Request from: Inspiration Studios

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### Raffles

- UCBMA donated two Seltzer gift baskets (created by Sandy Kuznof)
- Larry Shideler donated a \$10 UDF gift card
- Steve Whayne donated a Miami University Tumbler

### Reminders

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

Total in attendance: 25