



## UCBMA Meeting Minutes 11/12/2025

### Welcome

- At 5:15 Denise Reier and Layne Butler welcomed everyone and began the meeting
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Tonight's Food provided by Lakota Robotics (Emily Morgan and the students from The Robotics team brought their robot and team footage of their championship matches to share with us.)

### About UCBMA

- What we do/How we operate/ becoming a member were reviewed with power point slides

### Members and Guests

- Denise welcomed the new members who joined UCBMA last month at our New Member Meeting:
  - Nancy Ward, Financial Coach
  - Bonnie Collins, Live Like Maya Foundation
  - Deborah Tausch, Sibcy Cline
  - Trudi Simpson, Kinder Garden School, West Chester
  - Kenneth Latchford, Affordable Assisting Angels
  - Barb Markey, Peter Paul Office Equipment
  - Alberta Ablordeppey, Highly Favored Foundation
  - LeeAnn Stockman, People First Staffing

Due to the number of presentations tonight, individual introductions were suspended. Guest Speaker: Barb Markey, Peter Paul Office Equipment- Serve Columbus to Lexington. The family business began in 1932, and Barb has been with the company since 2017. They provide superior products and low maintenance costs for small offices

### Sponsorships & Grants

- Sponsorship/Grants Funds remaining: \$5,000
  - November Requests (member voting ballot)
    - **Reach Me-Lamonda Dye-** Lamonda is the Executive Director of Reach Me providing socialization opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. The program hours are 9:00a-4:00p

Monday through Saturday. Most activities are at no cost and transportation is provided for all activities. All activities help improve social skills.

- **Neighborhood Housing of Hamilton-Lorie DiStaola**-Lorie is the Executive Director of this non-profit organization which started in Hamilton and is now serving all of Butler County empowering low- and moderate-income families to share the American Dream of homeownership; provide affordable loans and financial resources to first-time homebuyers. NH will house eligible women with children up to 18 months.
- **CLAH/Heroes Fund- Bill Lack**-Bill shared that CLAH stood for Caring Like Angels and Heroes. This organization is an all-volunteer operation. Caring Like Angels & Heroes was created in 2016 to serve as the 501c3 umbrella for The Angel Fund, The Heroes' Fund and most recently added, the Power of the Purse. The mission of Caring Like Angels & Heroes is to assist individuals and families, honor those who help others and facilitate projects for the betterment of our community and surrounding areas.

### Food Truck Rally 2026

- Beneficiary Applications closed Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Finalists for member voting tonight:
    - **Reach Out Lakota**-Brenda Yablonsky-Reach Out Lakota has been serving West Chester and Liberty Township for 33 years serving 3,000 families annually experiencing hardships. They provide food, hygiene products, and clothing along with new and gently used small household goods (towels/linens and kitchen items). In addition, Reach Out Lakota provides annual programs including Thanksgiving Meals, Holiday Toys, Holiday Meals in December as well as School Supplies. ROL is seeking funding for their day-to-day operations as the need is growing.
    - **SELF**-Sarah Starr-Supports to Encourage Low-income Families is a non-profit organization that Enhances the Quality of Life for Butler County Residents by Impacting the Causes of Poverty and Empowering Individuals to Achieve, Sustain, and Advocate Self-Sufficiency. "Turning burdens into building blocks" by providing skill development and resources to overcome their barriers along with tools to make decisions which lead to self-sufficiency and the development of their full potential.



**Majority vote on the request for funds from Neighborhood Housing of Hamilton:**

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

**Majority vote on the request for funds from CLAH (Caring Like Angels and Heroes**

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

**2026 Food Truck Beneficiary (Results were very tight!)**

**Majority Vote for beneficiary of the 2026 Food Truck Rally**

  X   Reach Out Lakota           SELF           Pause for Parents

**Total in attendance   38**