

UCBMA Meeting Minutes 1/22/2026



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 C's Den of BBQ. Chris had a few moments to speak to the members about his food truck business and offerings

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 give a quick introduction and answer one of the following questions:
 - What are you most looking forward to in 2026? Or...
 - What is a positive change you hope to make professionally or personally in 2026
- Guest Speaker: **Bonnie Collins, Live Like Maya Foundation** gave a slide show presentation to share the cancer battles that her daughter Maya endured in her short life, how the non-profit organization began and how we can support this foundation to fund pediatric cancer research and provide financial assistance to the families of children battling cancer. Brochures were provided for everyone.

Grants and Sponsorships

- 2026 Balance is \$30,000. 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 January Consideration:
 - **Focus on Youth – Alicia Ajiboye**- Alicia Ajiboye is the Director of Focus on Youth and informed our members about her foster care organization. They have been serving children who have suffered abuse and neglect, experienced trauma, or struggle with behavior issues along with their families since 1992. Their mission is to provide trauma-responsive foster care, adoption, and behavioral health services that promote permanency, safety, and well-being for youth and families.
 - **Highly Favored Foundation - Alberta Ablordeppey**- Alberta Ablordeppey is the founder of this non-profit organization which serves needy families in Fairfield who live in poverty. Their mission is to provide hope and transform lives by empowering vulnerable families, women, and children in need. The Hope Corner Family Distribution Program at the Fairfield YMCA to provide diapers and wipes for mothers of babies is a priority for grant money requested.

Food Truck Rally – Friday, June 5th

- 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.
 - Brochure and printed application available on member table
 - Online signup and payment: <https://ucbma.com/food-truck-rally/become-a-sponsor>
- Food Truck & Vendor Applications
 - Applications will OPEN on February 2nd and CLOSE on February 25th

Member Reminders/Other Business

- Member Events
 - March 14th – Shamrock Shuffle-EDGE Teen Center
 - April 10-12th – Lakota West Theatre presents: Les Miserables
 - April 18th – Hope’s Closet: Hope in Bloom Annual Fundraiser
 - April 18th – Big Brothers / Big Sisters – Night at the Derby

Voting Results

1/22/2026: UCBMA Member Ballot

Grants and Sponsorship Applications

My vote on the request for funds from: Focus on Youth

_____ \$0 _____ \$500 _____ \$750 **X** \$1500

My vote on the request for funds from: Highly Favored Foundation

_____ \$0 _____ \$250 **X** \$500

Thank you to the following members for their raffle donations:

- Larry Shideler -Neon Light and Roku Fire Stick
- Steve Wayne of Miami Regionals-MU Travel mug and Cooler bag filled with MU items
- Jimmy Nichols of Lakota Robotics-Large travel mug
- Ron Koons-4 sets of gift cards for Cane’s Chicken and Chic-Fil-A