

Lawrence REALTORS® Community Foundation

Meeting Minutes

10am-11am on October 23rd

Quick recap

Chairperson Greta Carter-Wilson welcomed Foundation Members, and all Members did a short introduction. Updates were shared about affordable housing programs and the results of the Charity Classic Fundraiser, which generated a net profit of \$17,156.21. The steering committee discussed feedback from recent fundraising events and planned future activities, including a Casino Night and the LRCF Awards Luncheon, while considering ways to increase engagement among members through social networking initiatives.

Tenants to Homeowners Program Overview

Ashley Taylor from Tenants to Homeowners introduced their programs, including affordable housing, rental units, and a supportive housing department led by Angie Bauer, which provides housing and support for youth exiting foster care. The organization owns 73 supportive housing units and offers case management, life skills training, and financial stabilization over a 12-24 month period.

Charity Classic Golf Tournament

The steering committee discussed feedback from the recent golf tournament, including suggestions to spread sponsors more evenly across holes. Members learned the results of the Charity Classic Fundraiser, noting a net profit of \$17,156.21, with \$7,360 still owed from sponsorships. Ideas were shared about improving the event's timing and communication for future tournaments.

Trustees Update

LRCF Trustees shared plans for funding applications and their review to determine the 2025 recipients. The Trustees will meet immediately following the Foundation meeting. Also discussed were the RCR Award recipients, and that the RCR Awards, along with recipients of funding will all be presented at the LRCF Luncheon on November 20th.

Beer Fest Review

To match funds raised for 2026 to previous years, additional fundraising ideas were discussed. Discussion ensued about bringing back the LBOR Beer Fest to raise money in 2026. The first (non-covid) event was a success, which sold 400 tickets. The event was hatched and executed in just 6 weeks. The need to carefully plan and potentially require designated drivers for any future beer-related events was mentioned.

The group also considered expanding their fundraising events to include family-oriented activities.

Also considered was the idea to organize a social networking mixer to increase engagement among members. For example, a recent event hosted by a Foundation Member was a big success and was a watch party that raised funds for domestic violence awareness.

Event Planning and Engagement Updates

The meeting covered several updates and discussions about upcoming events and organizational activities. The group reviewed the Casino Night event scheduled for March 27th, which will have a 70s disco theme and focus on blackjack, with plans to improve marketing and partner engagement. They discussed the Lawrence Rogers Community Foundation Funding Awards Luncheon, scheduled for November 20th, and the need for volunteers to assist with the event. The trustees will review 17 submitted applications, with a focus on ensuring funds are dedicated to projects within Douglas County.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 20th at 2pm, following the LRCF Luncheon.

Meeting Adjourned