

LBOR Community Foundation

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2025

[Work for Success Program](#)

The meeting opened with a presentation from Mirror, Inc about the Work for Success program. a four-week personal and professional development program for individuals recovering from homelessness, substance abuse, or incarceration. Kristin Shook, Center Director, explained the program's structure, which includes personal development, job readiness training, and case management, as well as providing essential services like IDs, clothing, and healthcare. She shared success stories, including one participant who went from incarceration to employment and education..

[2025 Architectural Enhancement Award Finalists](#)

The River City Recognition Awards committee reviewed nominations for the 2025 Architectural Enhancement Award, focusing on two main candidates: Erica Zimmerman of the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity for their affordable housing initiatives. After discussion of the other candidates for Architectural Enhancement in the Community, the committee voted 5-4-1 in favor of recognizing Habitat for Humanity for their architectural contributions, particularly their land trust program and innovative housing projects. The award will be presented at the LRCF Annual Awards Luncheon on November 20th.

[Community Awards Nominations Review](#)

Next, the meeting focused on reviewing nominations for the Humanitarian Award, The Committee discussed the Humane Society's crisis and pet retention services. After considering other nominations, the Committee voted to select the Humane Society as the 2025 Humanitarian Award recipient. The award will be presented at the LRCF Annual Awards Luncheon on November 20th.

[Community Foundation Voting Results](#)

The group discussed the Community Foundation's application for funding deadline of October 22nd and agreed to send reminders to previous applicants through social media and directly to the applicants by email. The Committee briefly reviewed the process of selecting charitable organizations to receive funds. The Trustees of LCRF will meet following the next Foundation meeting on October 23rd.

[Casino Night Planning Meeting](#)

The Casino Night Steering Committee discussed plans for the upcoming event on March 7th at Maceli's, which will feature a 70s theme. They decided to focus on three main gaming activities -

blackjack, bingo, and Texas Hold'em - while reducing the number of ancillary games. The committee also announced that positions are open for new members who want to participate in the event, with interested parties encouraged to contact Beth for more information.

Spring Event and Charity Updates

The Foundation also received updates on the Charity Classic, noting that teams and sponsors are mostly sold out, with a call for volunteers and a few additional Hole Sponsors. Also discussed was the upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive. Last, at the next meeting the Foundation will also discuss candidates for open Trustee positions on the 2026 LRCF.

Trustee Meeting Schedule Updates

The group discussed upcoming meeting dates and locations, deciding to hold their next meeting on October 23rd at 10 a.m., followed by trustee reviews of applications. They scheduled November and December meetings, with November 20th at 2 p.m. and December 18th at 11 a.m., avoiding Thanksgiving and Christmas dates.

Meeting adjourned.