UNITY CHURCH OF ALBANY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes for meeting for Spiritual Practice and Sacred Service
THURSDAY JANUARY 29, 2026

Present: Rev. Brigid B., Deb D., Deb F., Mary M., Chris Q., John R., Diane T., Tim S.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Check-in
3. Motion to approve the Agenda for Jan. 29, 2026, was seconded and approved
4. Motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2025 was seconded and approved

5. Congregant's Comments:

a. A suggestion by a congregant was made that a process be set up that would have someone call shut-ins for health reasons or winter weather. It was considered a good suggestion. Diane T. took the idea back to the Unity Care Committee.
b. A congregant made the suggestion that he and a team have a garage sale in the spring for the church. A few guardrails were offered: one, that it be off-campus and two, that church members could donate and drop-off on the Sunday before the sale, only.

6. Minister's Report:

a. Two popular presenters are offering sessions of spiritual benefit for Unity via zoom. Brigid believes in the benefit it would be to all and is working with the presenters.
b. Brigid and Roger will be on retreat in early February and will both miss the February 8 service.
c. Rev. Brigid will be taking the balance of her sabbatical between February 6 and March 18. More particulars to follow.
d. Rev. Brigid shared her experience as a board member in two partner organizations: Family Promise and Focus Churches. As to the Focus Churches, we will continue to be an "affiliate" member. Having said that, she noted, for the record, that Unity has a strong volunteer presence there.

7. Old/Current Business

a. Mary shared that a committee has been formed to **celebrate 30 years** in our present building.
   -There'll be a commemorative service/celebration on March 15.
   -There has been initial planning for an off-site gala. It's in the works. More info will follow.
b. The nominating committee has begun work to fill three openings on the board.

Installation will be in March.

c.A board song is being written by Mary to be performed at the next Coffee House.

8. Treasurer's Report

The monthly report was presented to the congregation on January 10. There is no new figures to bring forward.

9. Ministry Liaisons

Social Justice Circle

There has been a movement to bring back the Earth Cares Committee. Tim said he would initiate an announcement to seek members. Social Justice is studying the Health Care Crisis. Action, advocacy and a speaker is being planned.

Building and Grounds

Chris noted that the sanctuary lighting/fans have been installed. There are no new projects.

Spiritual Education

Rev. Brigid is working with presenters on two winter-time programs on zoom.

Special Events

A few announcements:
Coffee House – Feb. 28
Movie Night was a success (discussion afterwards will be a part of the next night)
Palentine's Day – In the Community Room - Feb. 14 (benefitting USCRI)

The next board meeting will be at the home of the pastor.

10. Closing Prayer and Adjournment