UNITY CHURCH OF ALBANY
Board of Trustees
Minutes for meeting for Spiritual Practice and Sacred Service
Thursday, July 23, 2026 5-7 pm

1. **Jim called us to order and offered the opening prayer**
2. **Brief check-in**
3. **Review of July 23, 2026 agenda: Motion/ second/ approved**
4. **Review of minutes from June 18, 2026: M/S/A**
5. **We received, reviewed and discussed the trends of the Treasurer's Report**
6. **Congregant comments:** Many people remarked how special this year's Church in the Park was, with stories from many of us about finding Unity of Albany.
   - Also, many positive comments about Pam's workshop.
   - We noted the lovely service for Phil Hilferty; a combination of his family and friends from Unity and beyond.
   - We also noted with sympathy the passing of Jordan's sister.

7. **Minister's report**
   - Brigid will take the first two weeks of August of for time with family, relaxation and renewal.
   - She is also planning ahead for taking the second half of her sabbatical in October.
   - We will have a class on Zoom with Kelly Isola on the 12 Powers; with follow-up in-person discussion in September.

8. **Old/current/ongoing business**

a) Sen Rep Gabriella Romera accepted the invitation from SJC to speak after church on the 3rd Sunday in September, 11:45-12:45
b) Plans for a new group to meet and envision the growth of our community. "A Dream is somewhere to begin."

9. **New Business**

a) Earth Cares will work with B/G to discuss plans for a native garden, which will be presented to the Board for discussion, followed by discussion/ vote by the congregation.
b) Ginger and Mary want to organize a book sale and seek other volunteers. Date TBD.

10. **Ministry liaison reports as needed (send minutes, if available):**

a) *Social Justice Circle –
b) *Building and Grounds – An additional railing was added to a staircase for safety
c) *Sacred Sufficiency - Continues to meet.
d) *Spiritual Education – 12 Powers in September, will also be a Membership class.

e) *Special Events– Retreat planning continues, Jerry Petell to offer a workshop after his service 8/9, Fairie Elaine will have a concert the evening of her service 8/16, Mary Verdi Trio concert 8/30!
f) Unity Cares- A new tri-fold is coming to describe Unity Bereavement group
g) Hospitality- On Hiatus for the summer.
h) Library/bookstore- reboot is underway
i) Ushers/Greeters– Using Sign-Up Genius
j) Prayer Chaplains- Considering a class on Affirmative Prayer.

11. Closing prayer, adjournment