UNITY CHURCH OF ALBANY
Board of Trustees
Minutes for meeting for Spiritual Practice and Sacred Service
Thursday, September 24, 2026 5-7 pm

1. Jim called us to order and offered an opening prayer
2. Brief check-in
3. September 24, 2026 agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve/ Seconded/Approved (with abstentions from those absent at August meeting).
4. Minutes from August 20, 2026 were reviewed. M/S/A.

5. **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed, clarifications sought, will clarify. Accepted.

6. **Congregant comments:**

- Mostly favorable feedback re the presentation by NYS Assembly Rep Gabriella Romero after the service. Some questions re Separation of Church and State; this was presented by the Social Justice Circle, not Unity itself.
- Question re change of the version of the Prayer of Protection used at the end of service. Differing opinions about which is favored. Okay to switch time to time.

7. **Minister's report**

a) Family Promise update on the family we hosted: The father remains in custody in Boston; legal efforts to secure his release continue. The mom and children have secured housing in a bartering arrangement through a local congregation.
b) Review of the speaker line up for Rev BB's sabbatical in October.
c) The Membership class is going well.
d) Accepting registrations for Oct. 2-3 Retreat until 9/28. Good response so far.
e) Appreciation for the unexpected generous donations from two anonymous persons

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

a) Ginger & Mary are seeking help to organize and run the Book Sale in November. Will announce on Sunday.
b) Library is reopening 9/28, discussed ideas to promote more interest
c) Dream team: Seeking input from congregation re ST/LT ideas/ goals. Various ways to gather ideas: Chart paper brain storms, Surveys via paper and/or Survey Monkey

9. **New Business**

a) Need for a marketing team/ outreach! How to identify potential assistants?
b) Neighborhood concerns: Building outreach with neighbor(s), Community Action Team, Neighborhood APD Officer increased presence.

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

a) *Social Justice Circle – Good turn-out for G. Romero presentation
b) *Building and Grounds – Will evaluate need for more outdoor lighting
c) *Sacred Sufficiency -
d) *Spiritual Education – Zoom class on the 12 Powers has good attendance
e) *Special Events– Registration continues for Fall Retreat
f) Unity Cares- Meeting needs as they arise!
g) Hospitality- Opening Pot-Luck after summer break was a big success!
h) Library/bookstore- Has been re-organized, re-opening 9/28.
i) Ushers/Greeters–
j) Prayer Chaplains: Dennis and Ginger considering a book group on “The Quest for Prayer,” with focus on Affirmative Prayer.
k) Tellers

11. Closing prayer, adjournment

Present: Rev. Brigid, Chris Q, David M, Debbie D, Deb F, Ginger H, Mary M, Jim S

Next Meeting: Thursday, 10/15, 5-7 pm