

**Friends of Unity
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2026**

Vision: Transforming Lives Through Divine Love
Mission: Together We Nurture Spiritual Awakening,
Cultivate Loving Community, Serve Generously.

Call to Order – Rev Jan 11:45am

Opening Prayer– Michelle

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from our July 19, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting were presented for approval. John Fanta moved to approve the minutes, and Michele seconded the motion.

Discretionary Tithe

The June discretionary tithe amount is \$178 and will be donated to the Plymouth Opportunity Center.

Treasurer's Report:

The motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by John Fanta. Rev. Jan moved to accept the report, and Michele seconded the motion.

Administrator's Report:

August 23rd is the deadline for board updates. Michele will submit the monthly updates for the board.

- A nominating committee has been formed to look for new members for the board. The individuals assigned to this task are Jane Fanta, Vic Huber, and Valerie McCloskey.
- Gail is looking for a theme for the fall intentional living series. Text or email Gail with suggestions. Gail is also seeking ideas to encourage more members of the congregation to open and read the monthly newsletter.
- Volunteer appreciation day will be on October 25th. The Board will sponsor this event.

Old Business

- The blessing of the donation basket will continue as planned, with no further objections. The speaker will bless the donation basket.
- John went over the job description for the part-time spiritual leader.

- Based on feedback from the applicant, John will revise the job description and provide the revised edition to the other board members for review.
- On September 6th the congregation will be invited to a Q & A time with the applicant.

New Business

- Update tech salary from \$40 to \$45
- The Board agreed to make Joe our “music coordinator” and to pay him an additional \$100 per month. Joe will be asked to be the 9 am keyholder and to gather additional singers from the congregation to join him in song.

- **Green Star Award**

The Green Star Award recognizes ministries that complete at least three significant activities that foster awareness of our spiritual oneness with the Earth.

Our church has supported this commitment through several efforts:

1. Using reusable plates and silverware.
2. Hosting a swap event to recycle used clothing, books, and other items.
3. Welcoming guest speaker Mariette Jones in April, who invited us to treat the Earth as a partner and shift our relationship with the Earth from one of consumption to one that is grounded in respect and gratitude.

New Memberships Approved

The Board approved membership for four new people: Heather Liska, Eric Kennedy, Annie Kennedy, and David McLaughlin.

Close with Prayer of Protection

“The light of God surrounds us.

The Love of God enfolds us.

The power of God protects us.

The presence of God watches over us.

Wherever we are, God is.”

Adjourn: 1:29pm

Board Meeting calendar:

September 13, 2026

October 18, 2026 -Annual Board Meeting

November 8, 2026

December 13, 2026