

Friends of Unity
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2026

Vision: Transforming Lives Through Divine Love

Mission: Together We Nurture Spiritual Awakening, Cultivate Loving Community, Serve Generously.

ATTENDEES

- **President:** Rev. Jan Larsen
- **Vice President/Treasurer:** John Fanta
- **Secretary:** Valerie McCloskey
- **Guest:** Gail Parker, Church Administer

Call to Order – Rev Jan Larsen

Time: 1:52pm

Minutes of Last Meeting

Approve minutes from June 14, 2026, meeting. John Fanta moved to approve the minutes, and Jan Larsen seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Treasures Report was submitted by John Fanta. Jan Larsen moved to accept the report, and Valerie McCloskey seconded the motion. The Board decided to table the discussion of the discretionary tithe recipient until the next board meeting.

Administrator's Report:

The Administrator's Report was submitted by Gail Parker. Gail reports that there was a 24.4% open rate in the June newsletter which is decreasing monthly. Gail would like to survey the church members on what works well with the Friends of Unity newsletter, and what could work better. Gail will submit a draft of the survey to the Board for approval.

Andriana Medina Marin proposed a virtual class based on the book "What If It All Goes Right". She would like to invite other churches and have them receive a portion of the typical 50/50 split. The Board discussed the complexity of this and recommends a 50/50 between Friends of Unity and the presenter.

The Board decided to promote (but not to co-sponsor) the Sue Riley concert tentatively scheduled for September 13 at Unity of Livonia. The discussion focused on the two-day

intensive with Sue Riley and Friends of Unity. Friends of Unity may not be able to sell the minimum tickets. Jan Larsen will speak with Rev. Cindy Yamamoto to communicate the decision.

Christmas Bible Lessons: The church will order 50 copies of Mark Hicks's *Christmas Bible Lessons*, a small booklet offering metaphysical interpretations of selected Christmas Bible lessons. There will be no cost to the church or to the recipients.

New Business

- The Board is working on the date for the congregational meeting regarding Spiritual Leader search.
- Valerie McCloskey will be the Board Representative on the Nominating Committee for new board members. John Fanta's term on the Board ends in October 2026. John will review the Instructions for the Nominating Committee.
- Job description for part-time Spiritual Leader. Was reviewed. John Fanta will edit the job description and associate job offer with the recommendations that were discussed.
- Platform Assistants to be gifted with subscription for digital Daily Word.
- Gail Parker will add John's Fanta's quarterly report slides to the newsletter

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: 2:29pm

Board Meeting calendar:

August 9, 2026

September 13, 2026

October 18, 2026 - Annual Board Meeting

November 8, 2026

December 13, 2026