Unity of Greater Hartford
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 20, 2026, 6 - 8 PM, In-person

Attendance: Julie Aylward, Reverend Christine Boylan, Liston Filyaw, Michelle Gornish, Jim Mahoney, Maria Main, Rob Morehouse

Call to Order: 6:03 PM
Welcome: Maria
Opening Prayer: Reverend Christine
Statements: Vision, Mission, Evolutionary Purpose, Board Statement of Faith
Divine Mind Prayer

Old Business

Minutes of July meeting accepted per Rob.

Picnic: Board members to enlist volunteers for their teams
Set-up: Julie and Michelle
Cupcake Contest: Maria and Rob
Games: Jim and Liston

Leaders' Meeting, August 16
Well-received. Information will be provided at Community meeting on September 13.

Brainstorming ideas from Annual Meeting:
Small groups: Jim and Jeff Foley along with Reverend Deborah, who has information to share.
Ambassadors: Jim and Jeff Foley along with Reverend Christine, possibly with Ophni Davis.
Outside Activities: Rob will work with Judi Murphy who has experience with getting the Bocce group set up.

Reports

Minister and Associate Minister
Fire Marshal cited problems with Community Room and Kitchen doors which are not closing properly. Manchester Lock & Key has been contacted
Musicians have been set up through the end of September.

Treasurer and Finance Committee
A quote was received from Hartford Sprinkler Company for $9,400. Jim and Rev Deborah will contact them for explanation of terms used within the invoice.
Members were referred to the report to see Discussions on Mitigating the cost of the electric and gas bills, and contributions, tithing, and congregational ownership.

New Business

Book Study: The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership
The Board is exploring this book one Commitment a month. At this meeting, the Board discussed Commitment One: Taking Radical Responsibility. At the September meeting, the Board will discuss Commitment Two: Curiosity Over Defensiveness.

Keeper of the Light Award:
Currently, nomination is by the Board only. Rob moved that this responsibility not be opened to the congregation. Jim seconded. Board passed.

Community Meeting planned for September 13, after service. Will include presentation of new Abuse Policy, Financial Report, Division of Responsibilities between Senior and Associate Minister.

Pray Out: Liston

Adjournment: 8:11 PM

Submitted by Rob Morehouse, Secretary