Greater Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2026

I. Meeting Called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Stephanie Daniels, Jane Danger, Matt Nelson, Patty Schroeder, Nancy Spoula, Kaitlan Trine, Pat Vawter Guest: Lukas Siewert, Corwell Health; Mary Ann Hurst Honor Credit Union; Johanna Williams Michigan Chamber Society

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Matt to accept minutes. Second by Stephanie
All approved.

IV. Treasurer's report

Motion to approve by Stephanie to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jane. All approved

V. Old Business

a. Strawberry Festival
   I. Report: see attached that Patty made
   ii. Financials: expenses- $22,753.95 income - $25,831.01 We would have been in the hole or barely break even if it wasn't for Stephanie and the library pitching in $3,000
   iii. 2027 Festival: We will need more volunteers and coordinator just for the volunteers

V. New Business

a. Johanna Williams Communications Associate Harbor Strategic Public Affairs - gave a presentation about becoming a poll worker
b. Mary Ann Hurst: Community Development Officer for Honor Credit Union- would like to be more involved with the Fall Festival and encouraged to put in a request to sponsor the Fall Festival now.
c. Memory Back up was discussed after losing so much information for the Strawberry Festival. Matt made the motion to pay $99 per year for Microsoft 365/one drive Seconded by Stephanie. Motion passed
d. Current membership is at 60 members - We discussed talking with El Ranchero about a ribbon cutting ceremony and becoming members. Still trying to think about the Hartford Race Track and Field's Plumbing celebrations.
e. After Hours event at Hartford Chiropractic Clinic
   Date: August 17th (which is Monday) at 6:30 p.m.
   Speaker: Stephanie is working on someone from LMC or SMC
f. Art Contest Winners: 3 winners all from the same family - Mother, son, and daughter
g. Fall festival Update: September 26th Touch a truck from 10-12 is confirmed; September 27th Sunday Bake-off (fall themed); Looking for Sponsors: Casey's have already given $500
h. Auto Owners Liability Insurance- $1,139 - Matt made the motion to pay it and Stephanie Seconded
i. Chamber Printer: Patty is in need of a printer motion was made by Matt to buy a printer not to exceed $750 and seconded by Jane. Motion passed
j. Lukas Siewert asked to be a part of the chamber. He works with communities and can help direct us to how to get funding for our festivals, shares volunteering opportunities at the hospital, and when blood drives will be happening at the hospital.
k. Other: July 6th Lawrence will be dedicating their veteran's memorial at 4 pm; July 8th electronic recycling at the library

VI. Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. By Stephanie seconded by Patty.
The next meeting will be August 5 2026 at 5:30 pm.