Greater Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2026

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

II. Roll Call: Stephanie Daniels, Jane Danger, Patty Schroeder, Nancy Spoula, Kaitlan Trine, Pat Vawter Guest: Lukas Siewert (Corwell Health), Laura Henderson Whiteford (LMC)

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Pat V to accept minutes. Second by Jane
All approved.

IV. Treasurer's report

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

V. Old Business

a. Current Member count: 62 (added Pro slot and Lawrence Community Care)
b. Hartford Speedway 75th Anniversary- trying to reach Tim Dibble
c. After-Hours Event at Hartford Chiropractic Clinic was a great success with about 14 people in attendance
d. 2027 Annual Banquet:
   I. Venue: Moondance Hall
   II. Date: February 15, 2027
   III. Speaker: President: Natalie Baggio, CNO: Connie Harmon, Luke Siewert Corwell Hospital
   IV. Ticket Price TBD
   V. Time: 6 pm
e. Festival Roundtable: Proposed date change to Mid-November. Patty is working on inviting area festival organizers to a networking event to exchange ideas on how to improve our local festivals. Refreshments will be included.
f. Michigan Fun Convention: November 5-8, 2026 Not Attending (Bazaar is that day)
g. Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitions January 7-9, 2027 (Possibly Attending)

VI. New Business

a. Strawberry Festival - June 11 & 12, 2027
   I. Committee Meeting October 14th at 5:30 pm
   II. Library Board Approval for locating events on library property
   III. Sponsors
   IV. Entertainment Juggler (Stephanie found her)
   V. Rides: We will need 4 rides
b. Hartford Fall Festival 24 vendors; 1 junior vendor, 6 food trucks, bake-off bounce house; Fall Field Entertainment Tent; scarecrows; games. Yard signs will be in this week. Still looking for

volunteers - Royalty is a possibility; Brian Lightner will be doing the Unity Service at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

c. After Hours in the future Honor Credit Union (possibly October 22nd at 6 pm); Lawrence Community Care (Spring of 2027); Corwell Health (Summer 2027)
d. New Business Signs: Stephanie and Patty are looking in to grants to get new signs. Also, they thought about talking to Market One to see if they could help.
e. Other Business: Need to figure out how many daffodils will be needed
f. Laura Henderson-Whiteford: gave us an update on what is happening at LMC and that Seniors can take classes at LMC
g. Luke Siewert: update of what is happening at the Hospital; Trunk and Treat will be Oct 16th at the Royalton Compass from 6-8

VI. Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. By Nancy seconded by Patty.
The next meeting will be October 7, 2026 at 5:30 pm.