

JUSTIN METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF May 12, 2026

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mark Peterson, Chairman
Sherry Andrus
Lisa Dyer
Kevin Hubbard

Mark Montanari
Pastor Rob Price
Vicki Pope
Mike Russ

Allen Sykes
Jason Umbach
Brian Westbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amanda Wood

GUESTS:

Lyle Dresher

I. *Call Meeting to Order*

Mark Peterson called the Church Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Mr. Peterson began by calling upon Jason Umbach for a prayer to begin the Meeting.

II. *Minutes of April 14, 2026*

Allen Sykes made the motion, Mark Montanari seconded and the Church Council unanimously approved the Minutes of April 14, 2026.

III. *Minutes of April 21, 2026*

Kevin Hubbard made the motion, Vicki Pope seconded and the Church Council unanimously approved the Specially Called Church Council Minutes April 21, 2026.

IV. *Planning Task Force*

Lisa Dyer began by recapping the Specially Called Council Meeting of April 21st where the Council agreed upon exploring Options C, E, and F as presented.

The Council had a lengthy discussion on whether to send the Letter of Intent to purchase the Day Care Center located next to the Boss Range property. The pros and cons discussed before taking a vote were:

- Could be used while a new sanctuary is being planned and built
- Currently have insufficient funds to purchase Day Care property
- Need a feasibility study, which would take time
- Day Care is 40 years old
- A capital commitment should be in place before moving forward
- There may be a potential buyer for current Church property with a possible lease back option if decision is to build on Boss Range property.

Brian Westbrook made the motion, Kevin Hubbard seconded and the Council unanimously voted against sending the LOI for the Day Care Center property. Lisa Dyer recused herself from voting.

Allen Sykes provided an update on the architectural firm. The firm has toured the current building and developed a concept program that will be presented to the Task Force and later to the City of Justin. This process will clarify what the City will allow and what will be required if the church renovates its current property. The next step is for the architect to submit the application to the City of Justin.

V. Family/Connections

No report for Jason Umbach

VI. Administration/Worship – Vicki Pope

Before presenting the proposed Worship Plan, Ms. Pope shared a survey taken by people attending the Wednesday evening service. The survey reflected the main positives for Sunday worship are the Pastor and the Music.

With the sanctuary nearing capacity on Sunday mornings, church staff proposed three short-term options to test over six months beginning after Labor Day. The options would cost up to \$2,000 per service. After four months, staff will assess whether they are increasing overall attendance by 20%. Current Sunday attendance is about 150.

After Discussing the three options, Kevin Hubbard made a motion, Brian Westbrook seconded and the Council unanimously approved staff to pursue option A or B for a second service with an additional cost of up to \$2000 for the second service.

Lisa Dyer encouraged the staff to get the second service information out to the congregation and community as soon as they determine the schedule for services.

Other items noted were:

- Vacation Bible School already has 17 children signed up
- Wednesday night service will be once a month during the summer.
- Church Calendar has been updated through August. If you have items to be listed through December, please send to Vicki Pope.
- The Planning Task Force members will give a 2-minute update to the congregation on May 24th.

VII. *Finance Report*

Mike Russ presented the following report for January 1-March 31:

	2026	2025
Income	\$ 144,811.55	\$ 125,173.96
Expenses	<u>128,285.51</u>	<u>118,420.53</u>
Net Income	\$ 16,526.51	\$ 6,753.43
Other Income	\$ <u>650.00</u>	\$ <u>650.00</u>
Total Net Income	\$ 16,067.60	\$ 6,753.43

Bank investments Current Total: \$161,199.76 (decreased \$30,779.18 from previous month).

Allen Sykes noted that the Vanco giving has been reconciled with the Subsplash system so future reports will be more definitive. He also noted that the August Financial Report will have budget versus actual financial information for the Council.

Allen Sykes reported that the Investment Committee will meet before the June 16 Council meeting so they can present recommendations to the Council for increasing fund income. Current Fidelity funds total \$329,000. Kevin Hubbard, again, requested the Fidelity Investment be added to the financial report.

Vicki Pope made a motion, Allen Sykes seconded and the Council unanimously approved to add Vicki Parsons as a second signature on checks when needed.

VIII. *Trustee Report*

Allen Sykes reported that since the Church insurance has been paid, the insurance company has sent an inspector who found some structural/foundation issues that will need to be addressed.

Mr. Sykes said the Trustees recommend completing boundary and asbestos/lead paint surveys, so this information is available if the City of Justin requests it during our due diligence process for possible renovation of the current church building.

After much discussion, Vicki Pope moved, Brian Westbrook seconded and the Council unanimously approved \$2,000 dollars for a boundary survey for our existing property in Old Town and up to \$3000 dollars, if needed, for an asbestos/lead paint survey.

Mark Peterson also noted that the sanctuary door weather stripping needs replacement.

IX. *Pastor Rob Price*

The Pastor noted he will be gone, but a video service will be shown from him on May 24th, and Rick Williamson will preach for him on June 21. Late Summer, he will also begin evangelism training on Sunday's.

X. *Miscellaneous*

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Mark Peterson adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 9:46p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Andrus".

Sherry Andrus, Church Secretary