

JUSTIN METHODIST CHURCH  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF  
April 14, 2026**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mark Peterson, Chairman  
Sherry Andrus  
Lisa Dyer  
Kevin Hubbard

Mark Montanari  
Vicki Pope  
Mike Russ

Allen Sykes  
Jason Umbach  
Brian Westbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pastor Rob Price

Amanda Wood

GUESTS:

Steve Pratt

I. *Call Meeting to Order*

Mark Peterson called the Church Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Mr. Peterson began by calling upon Jason Umbach for a prayer to begin the Meeting.

II. *Minutes of March 10, 2026*

Allen Sykes made the motion, Jason Umbach seconded and the Church Council unanimously approved the Minutes of March 10, 2026.

III. *Planning Task Force*

Lisa Dyer reported she and Jeff Taylor will present up to seven scenarios for the current church location and the Boss Range property to the Planning Task Force this Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Since the last council meeting, the Day Care Center on Boss Range has been put up for sale. Ms. Dyer has sent a letter of Intent for the Day Care Center; this gives the Church the option over the next 60 to 90 days to purchase the day care center. The Task Force will visit the facility this Friday to see if it could be a temporary solution for the church if the consensus is to build on Boss Range.

Ms. Dyer and Mr. Taylor will discuss options for either renovating the current building or building a new church with the Leadership Council on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm at the Contre Building.

Kevin Hubbard moved, Jason Umbach seconded and the Council unanimously approved adding Lyle Drescher to the Planning Task Force.

#### *V. Family/Connections*

Jason Umbach gave the following update:

- Seder dinner went well on March 11.
- Egg-extravaganza was held March 28. Visited with numerous families interested in our church.
- Confirmation Retreat for 11 children and their sponsors will take place April 17-19.
- The Confirmation graduation will be held May 3.
- The Church Service overflow for the congregation is working well.
- Mr. Umbach noted that he, Mark Peterson and Pastor Rob Price attended an evangelism conference last week in Waco.

#### *V. Administration/Worship*

Vicki Pope gave the following report:

- Annual Church Workday was held is April 11. Cub Scouts were able to help. The Boy Scouts are not available on this date but will pick up limbs around the church later.
- Worked on was getting the carpet stains out.
- Talked with Missy Diesenroth about getting volunteers to come monthly to clean.
- Work is being done on the toilets.
- Doors still need painting.

There was a brief discussion on door push bars. Allen Sykes, Kevin Hubbard and Brian Westbrook will check on door lock options.

There was a lengthy discussion on addressing how best to handle the growing congregation until we have a solution on the direction we will go for our church. Ms. Pope will work on options that possibly include adding another church worship service.

#### *VI. Finance Report*

Mike Russ presented the following report for January 1-April 14:

|                  | <b>2026</b>       | <b>2025</b>        |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Income           | \$ 134,948.37     | \$ 183,687.12      |
| Expenses         | <u>140,976.49</u> | 131,836.77         |
| Net Income       | ( 6,028.12)       | 51,878.47          |
| Other            | 750.00            | \$ <u>5,000.00</u> |
| Total Net Income | (\$ 6,486.56)     | \$ 56,850.00       |

The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding a more detailed budget for the council to review in the future. The Finance Committee noted they are working on designing a more detailed budget beginning in 2027.

Bank investments Current Total: \$191,978.94 (decreased \$4,906.71 from previous month)

Allen Sykes reported that the Investment Committee met on March 12 to review investment policies and restructure the financial portfolio. The Committee will review the investment policy guidelines every quarter. The policy is to build a more diversified portfolio that allows reallocation of funds that will generate cash over time. Currently funds are \$324,000. An emergency fund will also be funded.

The Investment Committee members include Allen Sykes, Jim Garrett, Kevin Hubbard, Mike Russ and Glen Averhoff.

## VII. *Trustee Report*

Allen Sykes delivered the Trustee Report, which included a review of the insurance process for coverage in 2026-27. Overall, they were able to improve coverage while reducing the overall rate. The new coverage premium is \$26,125.63; a reduction of 12,482.54 compared to 2025-26 premium.

Mark Peterson moved, Lisa Dyer seconded and the cancel unanimously approved the motion to accept the insurance recommendation as presented for 2026-27.

Brian Westbrook noted the leak under the sidewalk by the Finance Office has been repaired by Servpro for \$2700.

Mark Peterson noted the following items need repair:

- The Right Sanctuary door.
- Facia and boards require replacement.
- Square light at entrance needs new bulb

The cable for the Nursery TV has been installed.

VIII. *Pastor Rob Price*

No report.

IX. *Miscellaneous*

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Mark Peterson adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 9:12 p.m.

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

Sherry Andrus, Church Secretary