

JUSTIN METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2026

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mark Peterson, Chairman
Sherry Andrus
Lisa Dyer

Mark Montanari
Pastor Rob Price
Allen Sykes

Jason Umbach
Brian Westbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vicki Pope

Kevin Hubbard

Amanda Wood

GUESTS:

Dani Umbach

I. *Call Meeting to Order*

Mark Peterson called the Church Council Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Mr. Peterson began by calling upon Pastor Rob Price for a prayer to begin the Meeting.

II. *Minutes of July 14, 2026*

Lisa Dyer made the motion, Allen Sykes seconded and the Church Council unanimously approved the Minutes of July 14, 2026.

III. *Planning Task Force*

Allen Sykes reported that the Task Force until we see the impact on attendance when a second service begins in September. The Task Force will present the architects' concept plans for Boss Range to the Church Council in October.

Pastor Rob Price noted that he attempted to meet with the pastors of Overflow Life Church, which now meets on Sundays at the Abby, but was unsuccessful. Approximately 40 people attend the service, which will affect parking on the vacant lot.

V. *Finance Report*

Allen Sykes reported that he continues to work with Mike Russ to revise the General Ledger. Until that work is complete, no financial report will be available. He also noted that they understand the sources of funds and have been working with Vicki and Jason to review expenses for the past six months. Should have an Income Statement to present to the Council in September or October.

Bank paperwork is complete for the check signees. A brief discussion was held on how to present the 2027 Budget to the congregation; suggested showing in ministry breakdown of Worship, Mission Work, Music and infrastructure.

Investment Report – Mr. Sykes reported as of today, the market value on investments is \$389,929 and cash is \$94,000. Investments have \$15,200 unrealized gains.

V. *Trustee Report*

Brian Westbrook reported that even though the facial repair has been approved by Council; they are waiting until the weather improves before performing the work.

Mark Peterson noted that the door lock has been fixed along with the toilet paper holder in the Nursery. Mr. Westbrook will work with Mr. Peterson on additional items that need to be repaired – Hinge for Women's restroom, soap dispensers and a trim piece in the John Beck Room.

VI. *Staff/Parish Relations Committee*

Lisa Dyer reported she is reviewing evaluation forms to be used in evaluating staff and plans to present the Committees findings and recommendations to Council in December.

VII. *Administration/Worship – Vicki Pope*

Dani Umbach gave the following report in the absence of Vicki Pope - Working on the new App that will be available for the congregation to access/input website information from their phones.

VIII. *Family/Connections – Jason Umbach*

- Working with Dani Umbach on preparations for the two upcoming services to begin in September.
- Looking at holding a Bible Study that would work for our congregation
- Developing a program for families with small children
- Active shooters program for our church

Back to School Event – Lisa Dyer reported she will visit with the Elementary School about hosting smaller events throughout the year since we did not do an event prior to school starting.

IX. *Pastor Rob Price*

Pastor Rob began by noting he feels our church is at a crossroads – we either top out where we are with members or we continue to grow. Part of that has to do with each member stepping up and helping our church grow in members.

The Pastor discussed his focus on evangelism for upcoming Fall sermons; especially around:

- Invitational – invite people to give personal testimony
- Service and Gospel – how do we use serving God through others
- Relationship based
- Spiritual conversations
- Prayer as a bridge to spiritual conversation; and
- Defending the faith

A discussion was held around biblically shaped civic engagement.

A brief discussion was held on whether a card to gather information on which service members plan to attend would be beneficial.

Nominating Committee – the Pastor noted the following people serve on the Nominating Committee which he chairs: Jody Davenport, Don Fryer, Mike Lock, Sharon Largent, Lynda Garrett, Kerri Westbrook and Mark Peterson as the Council Chair.

This Committee will meet in September to fill the two vacant positions (Trustee and Finance) on the Church Council. Currently there are two proposed candidates he is visiting with: Lyle Drescher for Trustee and Vicki Parsons for Finance.

X. *Miscellaneous*

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business, Mark Peterson adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer at 8:38p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Andrus". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sherry Andrus, Church Secretary