

JUSTIN METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2026

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mark Peterson, Chairman
Sherry Andrus
Mark Montanari

Vicki Pope
Pastor Rob Price
Allen Sykes

Jason Umbach
Brian Westbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Dyer

Kevin Hubbard

Amanda Wood

GUESTS:

Lee Largent

Dani Umbach

I. *Call Meeting to Order*

Mark Peterson called the Church Council Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Mr. Peterson began by calling upon Pastor Rob Price for a prayer to begin the Meeting.

II. *Minutes of June 16, 2026*

Sherry Andrus made the motion, Allen Sykes seconded and the Church Council unanimously approved the Minutes of June 16, 2026.

III. *Planning Task Force*

Allen Sykes reported that the Task Force has met several times. The group will be tracking the impact on attendance when a second service begins in September to determine whether congregational count increases. Attendance and feedback from the congregation over several months will be key factors in finalizing recommendations for review by the Council.

The Task Force plans to bring design concepts to the Church Council in October.

V. *Finance Report*

Allen Sykes reported that he is working with Mike Russ to revamp the General Ledger so until that is complete, there will not be a financial report. The 2027 Budget will be presented for approval by the Council prior to the end of 2026. Staff are providing their input for line items.

Pastor Robb Price announced the name change from Finance to Treasury for the Council designations.

Mr. Sykes requested the following bank changes:

Delete check signers: JoAnn Ream and Mary Beck

Add people to sign checks: Allen Sykes, Mark Montanari and Jodi Davenport. Also, Mike Russ and Vicki Parsons are currently listed as check signers.

Vicki Pope moved, Brian Westbrook seconded, and the Church Council unanimously approved the bank changes as proposed by Allen Sykes.

After some discussion, Brian Westbrook moved, Mark Montanari seconded, and the Church Council unanimously approved for Allen Sykes to move from Church Trustee to Treasurer.

The Church Council also discussed and requested the following changes be proposed to the Nominating Committee:

Vickie Parsons replaces Amanda Woods (Treasury)
Lyle Drescher in open position iTrustee)

Investment Report – Mr. Sykes reported that the church's \$50,000 gift has been invested. Total investments are \$385,000, including \$92,000 in cash. The Investment Committee aims to maintain an allocation of 60% equities and 40% income. The funds have earned a 7% return to date. The Council was also reminded that the Investment goal is to have a conservative approach by picking funds that perform over time with the least amount of risk.

Mr. Sykes said the Council will receive more detailed investment information at future meetings. The Investment Committee is also working on reallocating funds and expanding other investments.

V. *Trustee Report*

Brian Westbrook reported that the broken glass in the treasury office has been repaired and he will get the fascia board replacement scheduled.

Council discussed following items:

- Food Pantry doorknobs and fascia boards need to be replaced. Ms. Pope will follow up with Jodi Davenport.
- Fire alarm batteries were discussed
- Boy Scouts removed the pile of limbs
- Boss range will get mowed

VI. Staff/Parish Relations Committee

No Report

VII. *Administration/Worship – Vicki Pope*

Ms. Pope began by reminding members they need to advise her of any meetings scheduled at the church so they can be added to the calendar.

The Council discussed the Seniors Group contract that is up in August. Consensus of the Council is to offer Monday to the group for six months at \$100 per week (The Senior Group will be encouraged to meet with the City of Justin to see if they will continue paying the \$100 per week).

Ms. Pope presented the plan to begin two services in September. All materials will be consistent with the church's branding across activities.

The Church Service Plan is:

- 8:00am Chamber Worship
- 9:00am Coffee & Donuts
- 9:30am Adult Sunday School
- 10:30am Coffee & Donuts
- 11:00am Roots Worship (Children's Church available during Roots Worship and the Nursery available during both services)

The Council will access the services in three months (November).

The Council applauded staff on the great job they did with the new church service plan; as well as materials and website enhancements with the new information.

VIII. *Family/Connections – Jason Umbach*

- The Rangers Baseball game outing went well
- Vacation Bible School went well
- Someone on Facebook gave raving reviews on Justin Methodist Church
- Working out some kinks on Subsplash regarding reservations
- Fantasy Football is coming up...more to come
- Working on holding some painting classes

IX. *Pastor Rob Price*

Pastor Rob gave the following report:

- Praised his staff for how they keep developing themselves in their roles.
- August 20th - he will preach on Tools of the Holy Spirit at St. Marts Global Methodist Church
- August 9th – he will begin the “Enlarge our Tent series” for our congregation

X. *Miscellaneous*

Mark Peterson will meet with Brian Westbrook to discuss Church security as it relates to two services.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business, Mark Peterson adjourned the meeting by calling upon Dani Umbach for a prayer at 8:32p.m.

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

Sherry Andrus, Church Secretary