

JUSTIN METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES OF
March 10, 2026**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mark Peterson, Chairman

Sherry Andrus

Lisa Dyer

Kevin Hubbard

Vicki Pope

Pastor Rob Price

Mike Russ

Allen Sykes

Jason Umbach

Brian Westbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Montanari

Amanda Wood

GUESTS:

Donna Chabot

Heather Darby

Dani Umbach

I. *Call Meeting to Order*

Mark Peterson called the Church Council Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Mr. Peterson began the meeting by leading the Council in prayer.

II. *Minutes of February 17, 2026*

Vicki Pope made the motion, Allen Sykes seconded and the Church Council unanimously approved the Minutes of February 17, 2026.

III. *Planning Committee*

Lisa Dyer reported she has met with Jeff Taylor, and they have begun working on 5-6 scenarios for renovating or building on the Boss Range property. The renovation scenarios will encompass the Abby complex/campus. Ms. Dyer will present the scenarios to the Planning Committee by the end of April. The Planning Committee will narrow the options down to two which will then be presented to the Church Council.

Ms. Dyer noted that due to the Council doing their due diligence in this process, it could be three to six months before the Council votes on a direction to build or renovate.

The Council stressed the need to update the congregation on the planning Committee's progress. Ms. Dyer will update the congregation this Sunday on plans for renovating or rebuilding the church.

Mark Peterson and Mike Russ had a conversation with the Abby owner to ensure Justin Methodist Church has the first right of refusal when, and if, the Abby is put on the market. Naomi, the owner, conveyed that she will only sell her properties as a package, not parceled individually (especially the current parking lot the Church currently uses across the street from the Abby). However, the Church still has the first right of refusal, which may need to be formalized between the owner and the Church in the future.

Brief discussion on when to bring in an architect to get their expertise on the scope and size of the project to renovate or build a new building. Also, the Council discussed sending out a survey in the next couple of months to the congregation for their input on what they would like to see for the Church's future.

Allen Sykes suggested the Pastor, Vicki Pope and Jason Umbach put a collective list together of the things they would like to see in a renovation or the build of a new church to assist the Planning Committee as they go forward.

IV. *Family/Connections*

Jason Umbach gave the following update:

- Seder dinner will be held March 11.
- Easter-extravaganza will be March 28 with 6 booths. \$400 dollars has been set aside for prizes, and he requested more candy donations.
- Preparation for the Confirmation Retreat is ongoing for the 11 children involved.
- The Confirmation graduation will be held May 3.
- Children Ministry continues to grow.
- Mr. Umbach asked for prayers for Dani's Father.

V. *Administration/Worship*

Vicki Pope gave the following report:

- She is currently working on the online church calendar through August. Please keep Ms. Pope updated on any meetings that need to be added to the calendar so there are no meeting conflicts.
- Annual Church Workday is scheduled for April 11.
- Justin Senior Group is working alright. Ms. Pope will check on the \$2,000 payment from the City of Justin.

- An Alcoholics Anonymous group has approached her about holding a weekly meeting at the church. After much discussion, Jason Umbach moved, Kevin Hubbard seconded and the Church Council unanimously approved working with the group to use the Scout Hut as a meeting place on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
- The accounting team is working on updating the church members on subsplash and will also be available on facebook.
- Mark Peterson will install a TV cable in the nursery to broadcast church services for workers.
- Live music will be provided in the Fellowship Hall for Easter Sunday.
- To provide more room on Sundays for parishioners, alterations will be made to add two front row benches.
- Working on an Apple App.

VI. *Trustees Report*

- Brian Westbrook Pastor Robb if the conference had any guidelines we need to be aware of for our committees. The Pastor responded we have a structure in place that accommodates our needs.
- Allen Sykes reported:
 - He is working with Mike Russ to develop a budgeting process for next year.
 - Also working on renewing the Church insurance through Philadelphia Insurance. Once quotes are in, he will send information out to the Church Council.

VII. *Finance*

In the absence of Mike Russ, Pastor Rob reported the surplus cash over expenses year-to-date (net profit over revenues) is about \$20,000 dollars.

Allen Sykes reported the Investment Committee will meet on March 12 to discuss investment policies and restructuring the current financial portfolio.

VIII. *Pastor Rob Price*

Pastor Rob gave the following report:

- Evangelism Conference at Baylor on April 9-14.
- History Makers ILI Training is a weekend “crash course” in the material contained in the notebooks that he made available to church members in 2025. Training will be offered on upcoming weekends.

IX. Miscellaneous

The Council went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. After a short discussion, Lisa Dyer made a motion, Brian Westbrook seconded, and the Church Council unanimously approved a confirmation gift for Pastor Rob up to \$900.00.

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Mark Peterson asked Jason Umbach to adjourn in prayer at 8:28 p.m.

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

Sherry Andrus, Church Secretary