JUSTIN METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mark Peterson, Chairman	Vicki Pope	Jason Umbach
Sherry Andrus	Pastor Rob Price	Brian Westbrook
Lisa Dyer	Allen Sykes	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Montanari	Kevin Hubbard	Amanda Wood

GUESTS:

Donna Chabot	Danny Chambers	Lee Largent
Sharon Largent	Vicki Parsons	Dani Umbach

I. *Call Meeting to Order*

Mark Peterson called the Church Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2026. Mr. Peterson began by calling upon Pastor Rob Price for a prayer to begin the Meeting.

II. *Minutes of August 11, 2026*

Lisa Dyer made the motion, Brian Westbrook seconded, and the Church Council unanimously approved the Minutes of August 11, 2026.

III. *Planning Task Force*

Lisa Dyer noted that an inquiry had been received about the Boss Range Road property and recommended holding it for the next few months.

Ms. Dyer said Jeff Taylor contacted her to ask whether the church remains interested in the Day Care building. She will speak with him and explain that the church is not yet ready to proceed.

V. *Finance Report*

Investment Report – Allen Sykes reported as of today, the market value on investments is $388,300 and cash is $95,000. Investments currently have a return of 6%.

Mr. Sykes noted the investment committee meets quarterly to discuss investments and have been working to select funds that are low in volatility.

Mr. Sykes reviewed the chart of accounts he and Vicki Parsons have been redefining so he can provide an income statement reflecting the church's four main accounts. A Balance Statement will be presented at the November 10 Council Meeting.

The Council discussed the current 18-month policy for holding unused memorial funds. The consensus of the Council is to use leftover Memorial funds toward Outreach Programs.

V. *Trustee Report*

Brian Westbrook reported that the fascia repair work has been completed and he will work with Vicki Pope on other items that need to be addressed.

Mr. Westbrook will work with Mark Peterson on the water sprinkler issues.

VI. *Staff/Parish Relations Committee*

Lisa Dyer reported she will meet with her committee to review evaluation forms before holding staff evaluations in November so recommendations can be presented to the Council in December.

VII. *Administration/Worship – Vicki Pope*

- School is back in session. Fellowship Hall is no longer used for lunch time. May need use of Scout Hut for future classes.
- Wednesday dinners have started back.
- Continuing to update Subsplash event calendar.
- Church app is in the process of getting approved.
- There is an increase in people wanting to hold events at our Church, i.e. care giver support group; abuse survivors; four bible study groups.
- Reported there were five first time visitors at the new Sunday Service at 8am.

After a brief discussion about unlocking the doors before our Church services, the Council decided that greeters would be responsible for unlocking the back door.

VIII. *Family/Connections – Jason Umbach*

- Noted he had received information on active shooters protocol
- Planning a children's and parents' outing to help the parents of 10 families get acquainted.
- Held a prime youth event

- A bible study for the congregation will begin the second and fourth Friday of the month.
- Developing a youth tithing program
- The Nursery is now manned on Sundays from 7:50am to 12:15pm.
- New reflective basketball nets have been installed for the youth.

IX. *Pastor Rob Price*

Pastor Rob began by noting the General Conference he attended in South Africa had great spirit and the unity was unbelievable. Updated Articles of Faith within the conference and elected eight full-time Bishops. There will not be another general conference until 2032.

The pastor briefly explained his thought on the church's mission is to impact the region for Christ by connecting people with Jesus. Church attendance is one measure of faithfulness and helps build the donor base needed before a capital campaign can be considered.

The pastor reviewed three options for our church's future:

1) We return to status quo where we have no room for growth. New neighborhoods are moving in, plus new churches are also coming into our area.
2) Build a larger worship space – cost would be more than the current congregation we have; or
3) Change the House – creating a second worship service

Donna Chabot suggested holding a quarterly meet-and-greet where church members could connect with people who want to learn about current programs. Lisa Dyer noted that National Night Out on October 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Justin City Hall Complex, would provide an opportunity to promote the church.

Vicki Pope noted she has been working on a mission outreach program plan involving three things:

1) Local Mission Outreach
2) Regional Mission Outreach; and
3) International Mission Outreach

After discussion, Lisa Dyer moved to establish a Community Outreach and Membership Growth Force, chaired by Dani Umbach with assistance from Mark Peterson, and to re-evaluate the task force after one year. Jason Umbach seconded the motion, which the Council approved unanimously.

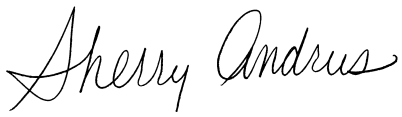
Nominating Committee – the Pastor noted the Nominating Committee met and discussed Justin Methodist Lay Leadership positions for 2027.

X. *Miscellaneous*

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Mark Peterson took a moment to express his appreciation to the Church Council members for their service this year.

With no further business, Mark Peterson adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer at 8:29p.m.



Sherry Andrus, Church Secretary