

JUSTIN METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF
February 17, 2026

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mark Peterson, Chairman

Sherry Andrus

Lisa Dyer

Vicki Pope

Pastor Rob Price

Mike Russ

Allen Sykes

Jason Umbach

Brian Westbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kevin Hubbard

Mark Montanari

Amanda Wood

GUESTS:

Lee Largent

Sharon Largent

Jo Ann Ream

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mark Peterson called the Church Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Mr. Peterson began the meeting by calling upon Jason Umbach to lead the Council in prayer.

II. Planning Committee

Mark Peterson called upon Lisa Dyer for an update. Ms. Dyer opened her report by stating that she had a discussion with Deb Walls last week concerning the City of Justin's interest in Boss Range Road property. Ms. Walls confirmed the City's interest in the property which could be used for future ball parks.

The Council reached a consensus to postpone discussions with the City until a clear direction is established by the Church Council for Boss Range Road property.

Ms. Dyer presented some possible scenarios for estimating the value of the Boss Range Road Property. After much discussion, the Council requested Ms. Dyer should collaborate with Jeff Taylor to develop and present a range of options regarding the Boss Range Road property, as well as the existing location of Justin Methodist Church, for consideration by the Church Council. As part of the process Church staff felt it is important to have some parameters in place – such as size of future congregation growth (300-400).

Peterson and Mike Russ will have 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.

The Council also discussed communicating to the Church congregation on the progress of the Planning Committee and requested the Finance Committee be a part of the planning process. Don Fryer was added as a member of the Planning Committee.

III. *Old Town Planning Committee*

Lisa Dyer stated that the Committee is focused on establishing consistent standards for Old Town's appearance and is working to preserve its historic buildings.

IV. *Family/Connections*

Jason Umbach gave the following update:

- Ice Cream Social will be held March 2
- Easter-extravaganza will consist of 12 stations in the back Church parking lot. Please bring candy for the event.
- Working on a Confirmation Retreat for the 11 children participating.

V. *Administration/Worship*

Vicki Pope gave the following report:

- Annual Church Workday – Scheduled for after Easter this year.
- Michael Morales' recital will be on October 23 at UNT.
- Church painting project is almost complete. In the process of putting up window coverings.
- New signage will go up throughout the Church.
- Justin Senior Group will hold their weekly day out in the fellowship hall for the next 6 months – they will pay \$2,000 for using the hall.
- Civitas Contract – after some discussion, Brian Westbrook moved and Jason Umbach seconded the motion to renew the Civitas contract for another year at the same rate with a provision to revisit rental cost if number of students exceed 30.

Ms. Pope and Pastor Rob discussed implementing some things to help reduce the sound of horns, drums and symbols during Sunday worship.

VI. *Finance*

Mike Russ gave the following report:

2025 Preliminary January-December Financials:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Income	\$ 26,553.07	\$ 53,776.30
Expenses	<u>35,859.28</u>	39,761.81
Net Income	(8,715.42)	14,014.49
Other	(<u>229.22</u>)	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Total Net Income	(\$ 9,535.43)	\$ 14,014.49

Bank investments Current Total: \$196,885.65 (increased \$26,051.90 from previous month)

Brian Westbrook requested the investments be added to the Council agenda. Also, Mike Russ was asked to ensure the Sunday donut payments are up to date.

Ms. Pope asked that the Finance Committee update the congregation each quarter. The first update is scheduled for April 19th. Paster Rob will check the following dates for the remaining quarterly updates (July 19 and October 18).

VII. *Trustees Report*

Brian Westbrook reported there are currently no pending projects. Allen Sykes and Mr. Westbrook are doing insurance shopping for Church insurance.

VIII. *Pastor Rob Price*

Pastor Rob gave the following report:

- Updating the list of members unable to attend Sunday worship for quarterly home communion visits.
- Considering other ways to hold weekly communion other than the Wednesday service at 6:30pm.
- Evangelism Conference at Baylor on April 9-14.
- Attended the Annual Mid-Tex Conference. Allen Sykes found attending the event both friendly and humbling, and considered it a meaningful experience. Pastor Rob said the conference focused on vision, mission, discipleship and family. Also, 16 Deacons and 5 Elders were ordained during the conference.
- There are now 245 Global Methodist churches in the Mid-Texas Conference.
- Serves as first standby delegate for the conference.
- Also noted he is considering holding a minimal music service (fewer musical instruments) beginning at 12:15p.m. on Sundays. Vicki Pope asked Council Members to help encourage people to go into the Fellowship Hall rather than the sanctuary during the band practice before church.

Brian Westbrook noted the Charge Conference was very good.

IX. *Miscellaneous*

JoAnn Ream reviewed the Staff Salary process for Vicki Pope and Jason Umbach by the Staff/Parish Relations Committee. Lisa Dyer moved, Brian Westbrook seconded, and the Church Council unanimously approved of the staff salary increases as recommended by the Staff/Parish Relations Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Leadership Council, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Mark Peterson at 9:12 p.m.

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for March 10thth at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sherry Andrus, Meeting Secretary