

**Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Downs United Methodist Church  
February 6, 2006**

- **Present:** Jon Spelde, Curt Rush, Darla Lanchester, Craig Solvie, Ken Garling, Suzann Erlenbush
- Curt opened with prayer.
- **Old Business:**
  - **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Ken made a motion the February meeting minutes be approved. Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - **Parsonage Easement:** Curt and Jon met a week ago Friday with the state to discuss buying an easement on the parsonage. Most of this easement will remain grass, and it will be a gradual ditch and able to be mowed. We will have to pay to move a vent off the septic system, though. The state has offered \$25,000, which includes moving the vent. Darla made a motion the Trustees accept the offer of \$25,000 from the state of Illinois for the easement on the parsonage land and the moving of the vent and the perceived loss in value of the land. Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - **Building Construction:**
    - We discussed searching for new property for the church. Jon passed out copies of McLean County plats for the areas around Downs and 150. Top five are:
      - Bethel Trust: Jon will follow up with Ken Wagner
      - D & B H (13 acres across from Taulbee Trust): Craig will check with Steve Miller about who owns it.
      - Taulbee Trust: Craig will see who owns this.
      - Mercer Turner, Trustee: Craig will check into this.
      - Otis Allen: Curt knows them, and they attend their church. He will contact them.
      - Curt will set up a meeting with Tim Norman to discuss a land swap. He's interested in using our church for a community center, and he has some land that might be usable.
- **New Business:**
  - **Work Orders:**
    - Clock in sanctuary: Darla will take this to a clock repair person tomorrow for an estimate. She asked how much everyone thought would be a fair estimate. Suzann said Gary Lutzens is a very qualified clock repair person. Everyone agreed \$150 or less is a reasonable fee so we should accept his estimate if it's \$150 or less.
    - Front door has weather stripping problems. Dave Bach will fix this. Dale bought weather stripping from the door manufacturer for him to use, but he took this back, because they were able to fix the existing stripping.
    - Prayer room benches: Countertop from Maxwell Counters is done.
    - Tree removal (parsonage): This will be done soon. There is still a delay due to a family situation and the weather.
  - Darla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:37 pm.