

**Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Downs United Methodist Church**  
**July 3, 2006**

- **Present:** Jon Spelde, Darla Lanchester, Ken Garling, Ron George, Craig Solvie, Suzann Erlenbush, Mac Fuller
- Ron opened with prayer.
- **Old Business:**
  - **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Ken made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Mac seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - **Memorial Money:** Jon met with the attorney. Darla will write a communication for the newsletter about Russell Wagner's generous memorial gift to sponsor youth attending camps throughout the year. The church will invest the money and use the interest to sponsor the kids. Darla will check with the conference office about a memorial policy.
- **New Business:**
  - **New Building Property:**
    - Met with school board on June 19. They will only commit to allowing us to connect to the road at the intersection a few yards from Route 150 (the intersection with the road leading to the high school). The cost of a road leading back to the church on the 13.5 acres next to the middle school may be prohibitive. Also, the shape of the lot we want to purchase may be somewhat different than we thought, which would make the road even longer. Ken will check with Brunings to see where the lot line is. Stark will give Jon an estimate on the road, including asphalt, based on the information Ken gets.
    - We need to figure out what it would cost to run power from intersection to the church building, using a configuration of all-electric with heat pump vs. gas. Craig will follow up, and get a ballpark estimate. IDOT would have to be involved to run electric to property to the 22 acres because of the potential for stringing wires across the street.
    - We will pay the \$1,500 earnest money while we research. Items to include in the purchase agreement: Land has to be annexed to village; property has to be buildable.
  - **New Property Purchase Details:** Cost is \$10, 000 an acre. Ron Turner is Bill Bethel's attorney. We will split the survey costs with Mr. Bethel. There will be a 1% down payment. Mr. Bethel will sell us a strip of land that borders Bruning's property (i.e, an easement). Jon will check to see how wide the strip needs to be. (It was agreed between the seller and us that the purchase agreement will include a "first right of refusal" for the easement area.)
  - **Parsonage driveway:** The original driveway is 5 inches of concrete on top of 12 inches of gravel. Jon will call the IDOT representative to see if they will make repairs using the same amount of materials when they tear up the driveway for the Washington St/Route 150 construction.
  - **Work Orders:**
    - Signs directing people to our church: Signs are up.
  - Ken made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.