

Trustees Meeting Minutes
Downs United Methodist Church
July 30, 2006

- **Present:** Jon Spelde, Darla Lanchester, Ken Garling, Ron George, Craig Solvie, Suzann Erlenbush, Mac Fuller, Andre McNaught
- Ron opened with prayer.
- This was a special meeting of the trustees to discuss new developments about the land purchase for the new building.
- Jon received the estimate from Stark for the cost of the new road we would have to build if we were to buy the 13.5 acres next to the middle school: \$96,000! This estimate includes culverts, ditches, no hauling of dirt, 6" base of concrete, no curbs. This estimate does not include the cost of hauling dirt, nor the cost for the property the road would be built on (which the school would lease or sell to us).
- A group of doctors approached the land owner, Mr. Bethel, asking if they could buy his entire farm, so we need to make a decision as soon as possible. Owner is meeting with this group next week. The entire Bethel farm includes the 22 acres we across the street from the 13.5 acres we were initially interested in.
- A local business man may be interested in excess acreage if we buy the entire 22 acres. The group of doctors may also be interested in the excess acreage.
- Owner said he would sell us 10 acres (of the 22 acres) for \$15,000 an acre. Most people present felt it would be a much better deal to buy the full 22 acres.
- Darla made a motion we rescind the former agreement to buy the 13.5 acres. Suzann seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Andre made a recommendation we recommend to the Ad Council we buy the 22 acres at \$10,000 an acre. Darla seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- There are still some unknowns about the 22 acres: IDOT and the road entrance from Route 150, the cost of electric/water for property, our ability to sell extra acreage (although two potential buyers are known), the outcome of the civil engineering that will need to be done, the outcome of the subdivision process we will have to undergo to sell a portion of the land, our tax status on the land if we sell a portion for a profit.
- Darla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.