

**Trustees Meeting Minutes
Downs United Methodist Church
September 11, 2006**

- **Present:** Jon Spelde, Darla Lanchester, Ken Garling, Ron George, Craig Solvie, Suzann Erlenbush
- Ron opened with prayer.
- **Old Business:**
 - **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Ken made a motion to approve the July 3 meeting minutes. Suzanne seconded. Motion carried. Craig made a motion to approve the July 30 meeting minutes. Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried. Darla made a motion to approve the August 7 meeting minutes. Craig seconded. Motion carried.
- **New Business:**
 - **New Building/Property:**
 - Jon signed the land purchase agreement on behalf of the church. Mr. Bethel signed the agreement as well. Jon will confirm our lawyer, Michael Grosso, has a copy of the signed purchase agreement. We still need the full legal description of the property.
 - Craig has been trying to get utility cost estimates, and ran into an issue with the parcel numbers. Jon will check with the attorney to make ensure the parcel numbers we have are correct.
 - Jon talked to Brad at Lewis, Yockey, and Brown. They have received all the drawings they need from the state and Mr. Bethel. When Jon last checked, they needed to do a small amount of work with a GPS to complete the survey. Jon should get a bill in the next few days along with the survey results.
 - The utility companies are out digging in the area for the Route 150 changes. This would be a good time to inform the utilities we will be requesting new service. Ron will check with the companies to get telephone numbers of whom we should be talking to at the companies.
 - Ron spoke with Jack Harper from IDOT about access to the new property. (Jack is in charge of the Route 150 changes.) The state will put in a 35-foot culvert free of charge. We would have to pay for an approved covering. (We are not sure of the rules for coverings at this time.)
 - We hope to close on the new property on November 15.
 - When planning for the positioning of the church and the parking lot, we need to keep in mind that Route 150 may expand to more lanes at some time in the future.
 - **Church Work Day:** Do we need a church work day to finish these to-do items? We thought having a meal afterwards—cook hamburgers and hotdogs.
 - **Work Orders:**
 - **Water leak in drama room/copy room:** This leak's origin is hard to pinpoint. We will put paper towels along the wall to see where it's coming from.
 - **Insects:** Ron said some critters have been coming in the building, and it's likely time to spray.
 - **Baptismal Pool:** Can this be moved to near the steps by the office so the praise band can use that area to keep their equipment set up? The trustees moved this after the meeting.
 - **Communion Cup Holders for Pews:** Ron was looking to buy these, but someone mentioned we had some wooden ones that should be stored around the church somewhere. Ron will continue to look hunt for the existing cup holders..
 - **Ron's Computer:** Keyboard doesn't work when it first boots up, and there are problems with the CD drive and the CD burner. Darla will look at these problems.
 - **Septic Vent at Parsonage:** We need to have this moved (as stated in previous minutes). Darla will call Lyndall to see who put in the septic field, then have that company call IDOT. (Jack Harper's number is 309-820-1302 at IDOT, cell 217-836-8250).

Trustees Meeting Minutes
Downs United Methodist Church
September 11, 2006

- **Parsonage Landscaping:** Ron took digital photos of the landscaping at IDOT's suggestion.
 - **Evergreen at Parsonage:** One of the trees in back of the parsonage has died. Darla will have Dale Palmer call Ron about it. Ron will also remove bracing and stakes from tree on the property.
 - **Flower Garden:** Ron and Kathy would like to put in a flower garden behind the garage. The trustees thought this was a fine idea.
- Darla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Suzann seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.