

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

- **Present:** Jon Spelde, Darla Lanchester, Craig Solvie, Ron George, Mac Fuller, Suzann Erlenbush, Ken Garling
- Ron opened with prayer.
- **Old Business:**
  - **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Mac made a motion to approve the October 2, 2006, meeting minutes. Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **New Business:**
  - **Sign for New Property:** Discussed the need to get a sign erected on the new property. Craig will contact Dave Bach, who has the old sign, and get the sign put up. Mac and Ron offered to help.
  - **Culvert on New Property:** As part of the Route 150 construction, our existing culvert has been removed. We can have it replaced with a 35' culvert, but we need to decide where this should go. We decided it would be best to keep it in the same place the culvert is today, in case we put the church building on the 10 acres on the east side of the property.
  - **Property Purchased:** Jon and Darla, as trustees acting on behalf of the church, signed the papers for the land purchase on Friday, with Mr. Bethel's attorney and our attorney, Michael Grosso, present at the title company. Ron said they received the deed through the mail.
  - **Positioning of Building on New Property:** We'll meet next Monday and try to position our existing building plan on our new property and plan for parking and the position of the culvert.
  - **Next step:** We need to form a building committee, which will report to the Ad Council. Some Trustees will be part of this committee.
  - **Possible Gas Leak:** Ken Jones fixed the rusty vent pipes and cut vent holes in the door. Darla purchased a new water heater and Ron installed it. Everything seems to be working well.
  - **Renting New Property:** Janice and Jon have the name of two individuals who are interested in farming our new property until we have the capital to build on it. Rental fees were discussed.
  - **Work Orders:**
    - **Communion Cup Holders for Pews:** Keith Campbell is checking into making these.
    - **Ron's Computer:** Ron has a new computer. Someone in the congregation donated this.
    - **Septic Vent at Parsonage:** Holt Excavating took care of moving the vent.
    - **Evergreen at Parsonage:** This has been replaced.
    - **Basement Dehumidifier:** This has been replaced. Jon purchased a new one, which seems to be working well.
  - Darla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mac seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.