

Southeast District Trustees &  
Church Location and Building Team  
Meeting Minutes for  
February 18, 2007

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:03 P.M.

Members Present: Sherry Baker, Gene King, Denny Lumos, Chair Jerry McClanahan, D.S. David Norbury, Jim Overby, and John Spence.

Secretary's Minutes: Minutes stand approved as read.

Trustees Issues:

- The District Superintendent's home needs some repairs.
- The white carpeting needs to be replaced, possibly with hardwood floors.
- The deck needs to be cleaned and re-stained and/or treated.
- We need to decide whether it would be prudent somewhere in the near future to sell and/or purchase a new parsonage.
  
- The parsonage on Ricardo needs some small repairs done as general upkeep.
- The fireplace in the basement has 0 clearance use chimney, which is metal pipe going straight up. A fireplace specialist came in to check the fireplace and found a cracked block in the main fireplace box. Repairs would be \$275.
- Crack in front of the house still needs to be fixed.
- The garage doors openers to the parsonage are causing a problem. Jerry McClanahan is working on this.
  
- The Spanish Church has been painted (our paint, their labor).
- The upstairs has been cleaned out and is in shape.
- Small issues such as lighting still occur with the landlord
  
- The van has been inspected and licensed for another year. The miss in it was fixed.
- The van is vital to this ministry.

**The Cape Cluster Lenten Services offering will be going to the Hispanic Ministry this year**

As of the November 12, 2006 Southeast District Conference, we, the Trustees, have been charged to study the feasibility of buying, building, or renting an office for the Southeast District's use.

- Approximately 2000 sq. ft. is needed with parking for about 15 cars
- Gene King suggested that we advertise amongst the churches for either land to build on or a building to purchase or rent.
- D.S. David Norbury stated this news can be put out from the S.E. District office to area pastors.
- Any properties found to be available to be brought forth and considered at another meeting.

Southeast Districts Church Building and Location Team Business:

The first presentation was made by Mike Stallion and Jim Rust of La Croix UMC. They brought before us a proposal to construct a children's wing consisting of two stories, 20,000 sq. ft. in total (12,000 on 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 8000 on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) to be added onto the NW corner of the existing building at a cost of \$3,350,000. This would cause a loss of approximately 60 parking spaces. This proposal has been approved by the Church Council. The main floor of new construction would be rain forest themed. This new addition would also have an elevator. A two-story playground and theater are on hold for now. The two additions currently on hold would cost about \$500,000 to complete. They currently have a debt load of \$1.8 million. They have pledges of \$3,200,000 of which \$2,700,000 is earmarked to go toward the facility. This is a 3 year capital credit campaign. Another 3 year capital credit campaign will follow. They have a 6.5% interest rate until 2010, at which time they will renegotiate. Their attendance is approximately 1500 per three services. Membership is about 1300.

The second presentation was made by Jim Cooper, pastor of Maple UMC. He brought to us a plan to extend their sanctuary to accommodate a growing membership. They currently can seat 125 and have been using chairs in the choir and on the edges of the sanctuary to accommodate the people. They would like to extend toward Cape Rock Drive approximately 22 ft. which would allow for 12 more pews which would add around 85 more seats. They would need to redesign the choir area to allow for this expansion. The cost would be approximately \$100,000 for the 880 sq. ft. addition. In the last year, they have gained helpful people in their congregation such as carpenters and an electrician. They plan to do quite a bit of the work themselves. 95% of the congregation is in favor of this addition. Their financing is not set however. They did discover that if each family unit would give an extra \$10 per week for the next 1-½ years, this would pay the addition off. They are operating on the 80% capacity rule of building larger or losing people. The construction of the addition can be mainly completed before the interior of the building must be opened which would cause an upset for only a couple of weeks. Their current debt load is \$500,000. They have just completed their new fellowship hall at a cost of \$490,000. Adding on the top 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to the fellowship hall that they have plans for would be \$850,000. ( this is last year's figures). Mr. Holshouser is the architect for the 22 ft extension. His fee is to be \$5000.

**Denny Lumos made the motion to approve the plans of La Croix UMC. Jim Overby seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Jim Overby made the motion to approve the plans of Maple UMC. Gene King seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Letters will be written and sent by Jerry McClanahan to the respective churches.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M. with a closing by D.S. David Norbury.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sherry Baker, Secretary