

Trinity Presbyterian Church & Garden City Prep Fact Sheet

How was this arrangement initiated?

The school approached TPC with an offer to rent the entire downstairs due to their expanding student base. After further discussion, it was determined that the school did not need that much space after all, but instead they only needed a portion of the downstairs.

Was this considered for budget reasons?

No. TPC is charging the school significantly less than the market value for the space being leased, primarily for expected maintenance issues that will arise. In addition, since they are using 15% of our space, TPC is charging the school an additional fee equal to 15% of our average utility bill.

How was this agreement put together?

The Session asked Danny Sibley to chair a research team composed of a former public school employee (Jane Junquet), an experienced lease & tenant administrator (Christine Mims), and an experienced children's worker (Mary Beth Myers). Together, they came up with a multi-page report of considerations to be address before entering into any agreement.

Is this arrangement in line with the laws of the county and state?

Yes. After consulting with CPA's both locally, at the state level, and at the PCA denominational headquarters, the Session then procured the services of local attorney Bob Horger to draft the lease.

Will the school have free reign of the building?

No. They will be limited to the use of the 15% as outlined in the lease, almost entirely contained in the downstairs of our facility, and only on Monday through Thursday during school hours. They will NOT have access to the upstairs of our building at all, and their catering personnel will use the picnic shelter to assemble pre-cooked meals. They will not be cooking in our facility, and janitorial clean-up requirements are included in the lease.

Will they be doing any changes to the building?

Yes. In line with state and local regulations for a school, a wall will be constructed in the downstairs hallway near the bathrooms. The doors in this wall will be locked during school hours to keep the church and school spaces separate. Also, they will have to install a security system in their section and upgrade the interior doors. The TPC office will have keys to access all parts of our building. In addition, the parking lot pothole at Willington Dr will be repaired. All of these modifications will be paid for by the school, and contained in the lease is a provision that TPC's building be returned to the state is was before any of their changes.

Is this an exercise in social justice or even activism?

No. TPC is not partnering with the school in any way *as a mission*, although we whole-heartedly support the mission of the school. They are trying to break the cycle of poverty and crime through molding young, mostly-minority young men into productive citizens and leaders. By supporting them in *their mission*, we are loving our neighbor well, while expecting the Lord to provide avenues for the Gospel in this relationship.

Will allowing them to use our facility still enable TPC to deny our facility to other, less desirable, groups?

Yes. The opinions we received were that our Facilities Use Policy, adopted last summer, is not compromised by this arrangement with GCPAB.