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SUBJECT: Happy Halloween at the Hathaway Chapel Fundraiser.

TO VBMA Membership

Hello All,

This letter is my way of summarizing the VBMA fundraiser at the Hathaway Chapel, on 27 October 2012. Overall, I would rate the entire project a success. We raised a total of \$1928.00, with total expenses of, \$351.65, leaving us \$1576.35 Profit. Of course, this is only the dollar amount. The event was so much more.

First I must single out several people and organizations for praise. My wife Janine was the overall event coordinator. She worked with Monique Martin and others to get donated items, refreshment, and the set up and breakdown plan for the event. In the course of her work, she solicited enough donations for 14 raffle baskets and 7 silent auction items. She worked closely with Robert Durham, of the Kamlu Retirement Inn.

Robert and his staff were amazing. They worked with us, providing light finger food for about 60 guests and staff. He and they also loaned us the use of MANY different Halloween decorations. They worked harder than we did in some ways. I only found out later that it would have been less work for them to provide a buffet dinner rather than the finger food and deserts we requested. I hope we can do more events with them in the future, at the Hathaway Chapel or in a different location.

We purposely chose the Hathaway Chapel for this event so the public could see the fine building we hope to preserve. As most of you know the Memorial Lutheran Church of Vancouver have owned and cared for the chapel for 60 years. They have been very supportive of our project. Our main contact with the church is Jim Wulf. He was amazingly supportive of us. He made sure that we had access to the kitchen; all of the empty rooms in the chapel for our use; chairs and tables, and everything else we needed. He even stayed late to help us set up and break down. We felt privileged that he stayed for the entire event with his wife.

Another great supporter of the event was my nephew, Matt Parker, who donated over \$300 in items for the raffles. He also DJ'd for the event, providing incidental music and dance music at the end. Several other people also lent their support. Bruce Robb, of Robb photography circulated in his Pumpkin Pie T-Shirt taking pictures for guests, several members of the Clark College Archaeology – History club also helped set up. Bruce Mulkey, who is a Boy Scout Scoutmaster, brought two boy

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scouts to staff our ticket desk, and draw out winners for the charity raffle. Monique Martin and her mother worked very hard to set up and break down the decorations before and after the event.

At the event itself, we had nearly 60 people attend. While several VBMA members and friends attended, we had many new people attend the event as well. Based on some comments, we would have had a larger group, except many other people had other organizational events or parties to attend that evening as well. Six people also cancelled via email, due to illness.

To keep the event 'family friendly' we scheduled several non-scary components before a talk about true ghostly tales of Vancouver and the Vancouver Barracks. This included several door prize raffles, and a costume parade and contest. I acted as emcee, and then gave my talk on true ghost stories. Following the talk, we had several raffle drawings, with the help of the Boy Scouts, and finally we closed the silent auction. While many people left around 11 PM, we had music and dancing until nearly midnight, before the event finished. The next day, it took us only two hours to break down the decorations and clean up the chapel.

I am attaching several photographs taken at the event by Bruce Robb with this report.

Prizes at the event included books and gift baskets came from various donors such as artist Jill Thompson □ Astoria Chamber of Commerce □ A Touch of Athens □ Bat Cave Gaming □ Bimart □ Blockbuster Video □ Burgerville USA □ Clatsop County Historical Society □ English Estates Winery □ Kiggins Theater □ Liberty Inn of Lincoln City □ Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce □ Luxury Salon and Spa of Vancouver □ Olive Garden □ Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, □ Oregon Wildlife Safari □ Pied Piper Pizza □ Portland Walking Tours □ Robyn McClure Massage □ Rose's Restaurant □ Seattle Mariners □ Seattle Seahawks □ Wildlife Safari □ Yankee Candle

Signed:

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