

## CCBC Spaghetti Dinner Foodraiser: Reflections

On April 21, 2017, the Spaghetti Dinner Foodraiser was held at the United Church of Christ in Boonville as my Senior project. We had 34 people attend the spaghetti dinner, and we raised nearly \$500 at the door and in free-will donations.

The outcome of the spaghetti dinner is mixed. While it was successful with the people who attended and the volunteers, I felt that it could have went better. There are some things I have noticed after analyzing what went well and what could've went better.



### Ways to Improve

While its always great to have a great success, sometimes you must have a failure to learn from our mistakes. In this case, there were many mistakes which I discovered after the event.

**Lack of Advertising-** I learned that following the event, some people did not even know about the event. Despite hanging fliers at all of the local gas stations, city hall, Chamber of Commerce office, around the high school and BTEC, as well as at the post office – we could've increased our spread by talking about the event on KWRT. We could've also hosted a contest to award free tickets to a winner as part of a promotion.

**Scheduling the Event-** I also discovered that on the same night of the event, there was a baseball game, golf tournament, and a meeting at the Historical Society.

Another Senior Project, the Color Run sponsored by Hannah Fuemmeler and Addison Quinlan, was held the next morning. The planning of the Spaghetti Dinner was strategic so that people could “carb load” for the Color Run. The Color Run was much more successful than the Spaghetti Dinner Foodraiser.

Due to the limited time between gaining approval from the UCC Board of Directors to use the Education Building and the actual event (April 21, 2017), some people attributed a lack of notice as to why they were not able to make it.

**Planning-** I feel that we should have started planning this event at least three months ago, so that we can start advertising the event and contacting local vendors to see if they would be willing to donate any items. Some local businesses have limits on how much items they can donate per quarter, which brings me to the next issue. You can also better collect volunteers and donations.

**Donations-** Some businesses have deadlines on the amount of goods they can donate to fundraisers and good causes per quarter or semester. Others require you to contact someone higher in their chain-of-command to seek approval for donations. This varies from business to business, but it isn't a quick (or easy) process. Donations and volunteers can

**Ticket Sales-** From the start, we should have sold tickets. This would have gave us a “head-count” that we could've used when estimating how much of each item we should purchase or have donated.

## The Results

We raised \$497, which was enough to purchase just one computer. This did not include the monitor or monitor mount, which was originally planned. Also, we had to purchase a less powerful system than originally anticipated. However, the purchased system will still provide years of useful service to the Boonville community.

Installation and maintenance services were provided by myself, and I plan to provide ongoing maintenance for the system(s) in the future – including the other systems in the resource center. I will also be volunteering, free of charge<sup>2</sup>, the setup and networking aspects for the Resource Center.

My current anticipation is to visit Boonville every two months during the CCBC monthly meetings to perform preventive maintenance on the computers. However, this may change – especially after I have my class schedule. If this does not work, I will be working with Tawny, TC, and Linda Perry on a maintenance schedule that will work.

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<sup>2</sup> Labor only

## **THE COMPUTERS... THEY'VE ARRIVED!!!**



**BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES:** The new computer, a ThinkCentre, is shown (on the right) sitting next to a 14" laptop computer for scale. Despite the computer's small size, inside is a powerhouse waiting to serve the users of the CCBC Resource Center for years and years to come.

### **Plans of a *Future* Fundraiser?**

I'd like to still help in raising the funds to replace the other two computers. Therefore, I'd like to plan another event which will take place during (or following) the Emancipation Proclamation Celebration festivities. I believe that would be the best time to raise funds to purchase the other two computers needed to get the Resource Center "up and running."

**BY THE WAY:** The GoFundMe page for the CCBC Resource Center is still up. If you'd like to make a free-will donation, you can by visiting <https://www.gofundme.com/ccbc-resource-center/>. If you prefer the old-fashioned way, you can contact Garrett directly by e-mailing him at [fullergarrett1@gmail.com](mailto:fullergarrett1@gmail.com).

## Spaghetti Dinner Foodraiser – Financial Documents

<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ticket Sales (Spaghetti Dinner)	24.00
Door Sales (Spaghetti Dinner) – CASH	289.00
Door Sales (Spaghetti Dinner) – CHECKS	41.00
Donation Jar Contributions	103.00
Other Contributions & Donations	40.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>497.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES AND PURCHASES</b>		
<b>Item/Expense</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Lenovo ThinkCentre M700 Tiny</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intel Core Pentium @ 2.9GHz</li> <li>• 4 GB of RAM</li> <li>• 500 GB Hard Drive</li> <li>• Dust Shield</li> <li>• DisplayPort to VGA adapter dongle</li> </ul>	<b>Lenovo</b>	<b>460.62</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>460.62</b>
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>		<b>36.38</b>

## Spaghetti Dinner Foodraiser Attendees

Lily Terrell*	Will Rehagen*	Glenn Langston
Steve Solomon	Luke Rehagen*	Quin Gentry*
Gabe Rumbaoa*	Angelina Hein*	Joshua Udinyiwe**
Kristina and Justin Hahn***	Nathan Hughes**	Meredith Ludwig
Connie S.	Phillip Udinyiwe**	Gage Sprigg*
Julie and Virgil Doerr	Roy and Janice Cary <sup>1***</sup>	Sherrie Penny
Becky and Terry Ehlers***	Frankie and Teresa Graham	Bonnie Baugh
Donovan Davis	CJ and Allison Zeller***	Terry Fuller
Mike and Debby Bader		

\*BHS students

\*\*BHS seniors (class of '17) \*\*\*BHS faculty (inc. subs)

<sup>1</sup>donated \$50 or more

**SPECIAL THANKS:**

*Cooks*

Natesia "TC" Jiles  
Helen Fisher  
Acacia Jiles

Joann Paige  
Toni Covington

Chaneta Elbert  
Linda Perry

*Donations (food)*

D. Rowe's Restaurant and Sports Bar (Columbia, MO)  
Teresa Twenter

*Building Use*

**United Church of Christ (Boonville, Missouri)**

Sarah Gallagher

Janice Cary

*Other*

Boonville High School  
CCBC

Boonslick Technical Education Center (BTEC)  
United Church of Christ – Boonville

*Miscellaneous Donations<sup>3</sup>*

Beth Rumbaoa  
Susan Burnett\*\*\*  
Dennis & Chrissy Gessling

Rachelle Borgman  
Charlie Melkersman

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<sup>3</sup> Donors listed donated prior to the publication of this document