

MSA NHS Variety Show/Silent Auction/Dinner Notes

Leader: Abi Nixon

Held: Saturday, April 9, 2011

Benefit for Children's International: We raised \$1539 for Children's International and \$147 for MSA (some auction items were specified for MSA.)

Time: Doors opened at 5 p.m., Dinner served 5:30 p.m., Show started 6 p.m., Intermission at approximately 6:40 p.m., Silent Auction ended about 6:55 p.m., Variety Show ended about 7:50 p.m. Times seemed to work out well. (Suggestion for next year – on silent auction sheets put “Silent Auction ends at conclusion of intermission and will be announced.”)

Book Sale: Book Sale took place in Mrs. Guerra's room while other activities going on. Free books raffled off at start of intermission, based on number on people's hand. (Suggestion for next year if same – use raffle tickets and draw out the tickets from a bucket.)

Dinner: Dinner was made by Angelina's Kitchen in Woodbury. Angelina gave us a great reduced price for bread and spaghetti (\$4/plate). This included two sets of tongs (we still needed to bring a few serving utensils), the containers, warmers, and transporting containers. For \$460, we received 14 trays with 8 servings each of spaghetti and one big tray of bread (we could have used more bread). This was more than enough food, even for seconds and we had two trays left over. We will freeze those trays and give them to the Woodbury food shelf for their weekly luncheon for their volunteers. (Note: be sure to light warming trays and fill with water by 4:30 p.m. Make two trips to Angelina's: 3 p.m. to pick up warming trays, 4:45 to pick up food.)

Desserts, Drink, etc.: NHS students provided desserts, which turned out to be a perfect amount. Certain NHS students were assigned to bring plates, forks, napkins, cups, and lemonade mix (the kind with sugar already in it.) (Suggestion for next year – make sure those assigned to bring special items know to bring them early so that they can be set up well ahead of time without concern.) We ended up with more than enough lemonade and have many containers left for next year. Next year, do more calculations with how much lemonade mix is needed. We used Nixon's orange 5 gallon igloo container and I think this was filled up two times. Mrs. Nixon made centerpieces with info on Children's International and pictures of sponsored children (made out of starter pots, straws/sticks, Easter grass, plaster of paris, etc.)

Tickets: Tickets were \$10 for dinner and show and \$5 for show only. There was some question by the Variety Show performers whether they should pay or not and a few ended up paying for food only and not show. This needs to be clarified for next year. It greatly helps if all pay full price for dinner and show, obviously, and should be well communicated to participants. It is for a charity. It is estimated we sold 115 show/dinner tickets and 40 show only tickets (approximate!)

Silent Auction: We had many baskets from advisories for the Silent Auction and it seemed to be a fun aspect of the night. The various basket types are detailed on another sheet. Sheets were typed up for the bidding and worked well. (Suggestion for next year – make the bidding increments \$5.) Initial pricing of \$20-\$30 for most baskets worked well. Most things sold for \$50-\$75! We had person who won “Mystery Basket” open it at end of show...that was fun.

Variety Show: The acts were great and the M.C. (Tim Bluhm) did great too. Abi Nixon assisted Tim with any announcements. There were twelve acts and they are listed on a separate sheet.

Items purchased that were reimbursed: \$460 to Angelina’s Kitchen and \$29 for Dollar Tree (clear gift wrap for baskets (4), white curling ribbon for baskets (1 – some leftover), and white table covers (18), and yellow table covers for food tables (5). Proceeds of \$1539 are net of expenses.

Responsibilities before day of event (headed by Abi Nixon in 2011):

Get Board of Directors approval for event

Recruit acts to try out for show (post sign up, make announcement)

Audition acts and decide who is in show (Jenny, Mrs. Mooney helped Abi with this)

Inform acts if they made it or not in show – communicate with them about when to be there, etc. (Acts showed up at 4:30 for sound check and we had sound people to help with show too. It was webcast too!)

Make Tickets

Sell Tickets & handle money

Arrange caterer

Arrange MC

Assign NHS members to bring special items & desserts

Make up basket assignments for advisories

Make many announcements about buying tickets

Gather baskets and organize, wrap, fill out auction forms, etc. Keep in secure place (this year, we kept them in Julia’s office and had difficulty getting them out on Saturday afternoon...secure but not that secure next year.)

Head up set up (NHS students were supposed to show up at 3 p.m. – stress the importance of being on time next year.) We needed to move things out of Great Hall, sweep, set up tables and chairs, put on table covers, etc.

Head up function – assign NHS members for pick up of food right before event (adult +2 students), serving (3), for pulling trays out for servers (1), back up servers during show (2), drink table (2 – suggestion for next year, drink people must check drinks/cups continually throughout event), dessert table arranging/oversight.

Make announcements during show

Assign someone for ticketing (2 responsible people is good)

Assign someone to handle auction closing and payments

Have parent or responsible party total proceeds before end of show to announce!

Head up clean up

Write up review sheet for future year.

Send money to Children's International – still need to do this year!

Send Thank You to Angela & Travis
Done!

Weird items needed:

Ice

Highlighter for auction

(Not necessary but nice: mints for tables)

Did you know?

By attending this event, you are helping NHS support
Children's International,
a humanitarian organization focused on helping overcome
poverty through child sponsorship. **Thank you!**



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Order of Acts

Anish, Carl, Max, David and Charlie

Will Patzke

Aarabhi

Justin

Spencer Lee

Madrigal

Intermission

Elora Riley

Marisa and Tarun

Lucia and Ale

Madrigal Girls

Sid

Anish, Carl, Max, and David

Misery

Guitar

Bollywood Dance

"You Found Me" by The Fray

Piano

Man in the Mirror

Clarinet

Jar of Hearts

Spanish Dance

Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree

Piano

Old School (Lip Synch)

3:00
Setup

5:00
Doors
open
Silent
Auction
Begins

5:00
Pick up
Food

5:30
Dinner
is
served

6:00
Show
Starts

6:30
Intermission
end
baskets

6:45
Show
Starts
again

7:15
Show
ends

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*NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY
VARIETY SHOW BENEFITING
CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL
Saturday, April 9, 2011*

***Your bid must be at least \$2
higher than last bid.***

ITEM:

[illegible]

2011 Variety Show, Silent Auction & Dinner

Dinner & Show Ticket Reservations:

Name:	Number in Party:	Paid?
Ames, Maddie	3	
Chandak, Anish	4	YES
Cobian, Carl	7	YES
Creeger	3	YES
D, Sam	1	
Davis	3	
Erickson	5	
Fasbender, Claire	4	YES
Gonzalez	3	
Grubber	4	YES
Hagstrom	3	
Johnson, Rick	5	
LeMay, Adam	2	YES
Lohmann	3	
Mehta	2	
Mooney	1	
Nelson	9	
Nixon	5	YES
Patzke, Will	3	YES
Pundsack	3	
R, Arabhi	1	Only paid \$5
R, Sid	2	
Rowland	4	YES
Schubbe, Ellen	3	
Shelton	1	YES
Siepmann, Inis & Tim	2	YES
Simone	4	
Suganya	2	
Terzian	4	
Thielman	2	YES
Vu, Quoc	1	YES
Ward	4	YES
Wolfe	3	YES

Not incl.
door
sales

106

Show ONLY

Brown, Jacob	1	YES
R, Sid	1	
Suganya	2	

Silent Auction

- **Baking Bonanza**
- **Movie Mania**
- **Games Galore**
- **Italian Cuisine**
- **Get Fit!**
- **Creative Crafting/ Painter's Pride**
- **Campfire Crazy**
- **Super Sports**
- **Making Melodies (Music)**
- **FABULOUS (Jewelry, Beauty, Skin Care)**
- **Bookworm**
- **Spanish Fiesta**
- **Doggie Days (Dog)**
- **Cat's Nap (Cat)**
- **Glorious Gardening**
- **Bombastic Beach**
- **Mystery Basket**

Hey MSAers!!

The National Honors Society is putting on a Variety Show (most of you have already heard about) on April 9, from 6:00 to 7:30. Please mark that date and come! Tickets are \$10 and dinner will be provided! All profits will go to Children's International (for more information about this charity see the attached page). In order to raise more money for this organization, NHS needs your help. Throughout the next couple weeks, each advisory will be working on making a Silent Auction Basket!! Each advisory will have a theme and some suggested items (feel free to add other items not on the list that go with your theme to fill your basket) bring in some awesome stuff and fill your advisory's basket!! All the baskets will be picked up after school on Wednesday, April 5. If you don't want to go out and buy an item or two you can also donate money; simply give it to your advisor and delegate someone in your advisory to put together the basket by April 5th. Please donate items to your basket! Just think: if everyone in your advisor gives one item, your basket will be full!!

Thank you so much! Now go work on those baskets!

Abi Nixon

Your basket theme is:

Your suggestive items are:

Remember think outside the box and bring in other items that have to do with your theme. If everyone in the class brings in one item your basket will be full!!

ABOUT US

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- Education and skills for a better life
- More opportunities

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Dear Angela & Travis,

Thank you so much for providing
yummy spaghetti for the Math &
Science Academy Variety Show. I
heard many compliments
throughout the night about how
delicious the food was! It really
helped to raise money for Children
International!

THANK YOU!

Abi Nixon & the MSA NHS Chapter