

Is Worth Park Dist. building haunted?

Ghost-hunters search for spirits at Terrace Centre

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Does Worth, The Friendly Village, have a friendly ghost?

A group known as P.A.S.T. — Paranormal Anomaly Search Team — toured and investigated the Worth Park District's Charles Christensen Terrace Centre, 11500 Beloit Ave. June 26 in search of spirits. The four-and-a-half hour event and tour provided about a dozen participants a brief history of the location that was once an elementary school, plus a hands-on experience into the realm of ghost-hunting.

Ghost hunters were given equipment to aid their search including electromagnetic field detectors, motion sensors, dowsing rods, digital recorders and thermometers, said P.A.S.T. investigator and technical manager, Kevin Ford. Participants were encouraged to snap as many digi-

tal pictures and collect as much evidence as they could.

The Terrace Centre was a good location for an investigation because numerous stories have been told of a custodian who hung himself there many years ago when the building was still Worth Terrace School, Ford explained. Park district employees have reported sounds such as a typewriter clacking and doors closing, he said.

Jennifer Orlando, 37, of Villa Park, was one of the spirit-seekers. The Terrace Centre was not her first foray into ghost-hunting, but she ranked the experience "pretty up there," she said.

"It was phenomenal," Orlando said. "P.A.S.T. does a really good job of picking out interesting locations and the interaction is great."

During the tour, Orlando saw a shadow of someone looking

through a frosted glass doorway, she said. Additionally, digital pictures taken at The Terrace Centre that evening showed glowing manifestations on the images. Paranormal enthusiasts believe those manifestations to be orbs — the energy of a spirit. Orlando has had other experiences with spirits, dating back to when she was 3 years old, she said.

Ford said other activity experienced at the Terrace Centre included the sound of voices, one that said, "I'm Fabulous," and the sound of a typewriter.

P.A.S.T. also conducts private investigations at no charge for persons who believe they may have paranormal activity or spirits in their homes or businesses.

To view some of the evidence collected from the evening at the Terrace Centre visit pastinvestigators.com/GhostHunt.