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Twelve hundred tickets were given out for Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray's spooky party at Gracie Mansion held from 5-7 this Friday.

The mayor was dressed as Mets slugger Yoenis Cespedes, and the first lady donned the jersey of clutch right fielder Curtis Granderson.

A line of trick or treaters stretched towards the park while waiting to go through the metal detector. There were popes, pokemons, Mets and Nets hats, as well as lightsabers. All advancing on lightly defended Gracie mansion.

Erin White, communications advisor for the mayor, loves Halloween.

A vampire welcomed visitors at Gracie Mansion's front door, dressed all in black with fake blood on his face. He was one of a number of performers, who were volunteers. Caution tape covered the doors to the main ballroom. In the first room to the right cobwebs covered the furniture. A skeleton in a fedora sat in a seat, looking at a painting on the wall.

A volunteer was scaring guests.

Elias Spence-Wood, 9, was dressed as the Hulk in a green mask. He says "yes" that ghosts exist.

Into the second room, three performers dressed in spooky costumes (vampires, blood on face) do a song and dance number. "It's a Gracie Mansion Halloween," "And we're singing our own monster theme" are sample lyrics. Mark Olsen and Bobby Cronin wrote the original lyrics. One of the performers pretends to play the piano.

Sarah Jackson, 8, is dressed as Malificent. Nyla Anderson, also 8, is a spider fairy. Jackson has thoughts on ghosts' existence: "I'm in the middle, I dunno." Later, she reports: "It wasn't that scary but it really surprises you at points."

There were plastic bugs on the floor, and bats and cobwebs on the walls. Your pool reporter was asked by one of the musical theater performers if he'd like to be spooked. A security professional stood in front of the closed door leading to the site (as of last week) of the infamous not-George Washington painting which was actually Gracie himself, viewed last week.

In the third room (moving counterclockwise), there were more skeletons, and more performers.

Outside the house, turning right, the pool reporter followed the children to the patio facing the East River, where the mayor and McCray were taking pictures with guests. The mayor was in a pinstriped home Cespedes jersey, with a blue Mets hat. He wore a neon arm warmer a la the

Cuban slugger. McCray wore the gray away Granderson jersey. Both had baseball pants. McCray went for a classic high stirrup look. She also sported two batting gloves.

As a young man dressed as Captain America took his picture with the mayor, the mayor said “I like this combo. This is what the Mets need.”

Opposite the house, in the yard, there was a large white tent under which various activities were taking place. Counterclockwise: a hand-puppet show on the right. Next, a pumpkin painting station. Next, wood blocking with Blick Art Materials—“Stamp your own Halloween-themed art print,” said a poster.

Jocelyn Guerrido, 10, from the Bronx, was a witch with wings. She enjoyed a glass of hot chocolate. Junisa Guerrido, 3, was Elsa from Frozen. Jetta Guerrido, 5, was the Mad Hatter. All sisters.

Other costumes: police officer. SWAT. Cowboys. Witches. Knicks. Cats.

Mia Bazan, 2.5, was there with Irmali Bazan, 35. Irmali said that Mia was a princess doctor. “She’s empowered to have the best of both worlds.”

A man who only gave his name as Jose R. said. “I think the angle you should present in the newspaper is that de Blasio is dressed as a loser, a Met fan.” He was kidding. But he is a Yankee fan. He added, “But I voted for de Blasio. I think he’s doing a great job.”

There was hot chocolate, cookies, cantelope and blueberries on a far table. Oytside the tent, the “Gracie Mansion graveyard.” Bales of hay and stones. Also a smoke machine.

At 6:05 the line was still long. “We’ll go until every kid gets there,” Erin White, mayor’s communications advisor said.

If you have any questions or need any more info, please feel free to contact me at mark.chiusano@amny.com or 718 715 3083. Happy Halloween! Let's go Mets!