

Executive Committee  
Kalamazoo Section, ACS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**6 January 2005**

Meeting called to order at 5:13 PM at Pfizer B126 1-A.

**Present:** Kent Alleman (KA), Monica Whitmire (MW), Mike Kiella (MK), Don Schreiber (DS), Patrick Irish (PI), Sheryl Loux (SL), Lydia Hines (LH), Shawn Hawk, (SH), Joan Esson (JE)

1. **Agendas Distributed.**
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** MK moves to accept, KA seconds. Vote: All in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** SH reports that he and MK will meet during the following week to transfer names and responsibilities for all ACS accounts. The tax ID number needs to be located and SH will look further into this. As of 12/21/04, the balance in our checking account was \$6281.66, and \$23,657.79 in the investment pool. Taking into account outstanding checks and expected expenses, our expendable budget is \$1333.32. The ACS allotment of \$7936.00 will come after the annual report is submitted. SH also reports that WMU SAACS has requested their cashbox. MK moves to accept, LH seconds. Vote: all in favor.
4. **EC Action Items**
  - a. **Old Business**
    - i. *2005 Budget.* Will be finalized for vote next meeting. MK will follow up with Perrigo about the outstanding high school teacher award, while MW will follow up with Pfizer after DS sends them more information about the award. Currently, \$250 in unrestricted monies is awarded to the outstanding teacher, and \$250 to the school, which must be used for the class by the teacher. Each will ask for \$1000 to be given in \$250 increments over 4 years so that the total award can be \$500 for school, and \$500 for the teacher.
    - ii. *Reorganization of KACS Financial Report.* SH and MK will finalize this change during the following week.
    - iii. *2004 KACS Annual Report.* PI reports that the annual report is in progress. PI sought help from the EC in ranking our events for the annual report during the year. The order decided upon was: Museum Day, Science is Fun, Girl Scout Day, Spring Awards, Project SEED, Spring tour speaker, Fall tour speaker. Additionally, PI and LH will work on the ACS archives during the upcoming year. PI also announced that he was accepted as an ACS tour speaker to give the talk, "Why Do Drugs Cost So Much?" PI asks to give talk to section some time during this year.
    - iv. *Boy Scout Merit Badge Day.* SH spoke with the Kalamazoo district roundtable and gave information to troop leaders. He will visit with the three other districts in the SW MI area. The tentative date for the event is March 12<sup>th</sup> at WMU. DS and JE will get in touch with students at WMU and Kalamazoo College, respectively, to serve as volunteers, and MW will

give list of potential volunteers to SH, as well as show SH where the safety glasses are kept at Pfizer that can be used for the event. MK suggests to have KA contact other ACS sections that overlap with the area of the Boy Scout Council to let them know about the event and invite their members to volunteer.

- v. *Spring Tour Speaker*. KA reports that Ernest Simpson will be coming to Kalamazoo College on Wednesday April 20 at 7:00 PM to speak about the Chemistry of Wine.

b. ***New Business***

- i. *2005 Chemistry Day*. PI has volunteered to serve as lead coordinator for Chemistry Day 2005, with help from Carlton Barbour's wife, and with Julie Lorenz serving as mentor. It will be held the first weekend of November following the local parade, which is November 5.
- ii. *National Chemistry Week (Oct 17-21, The Joy of Toys)*. KA will talk with PI about reserving the banner.
- iii. *2005 Activities*. KA is looking for suggestions regarding a membership drive.
- iv. *2005 Meeting time and place*. Will be on the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 in Pfizer B126 1-A unless otherwise noted.
- v. *Award for Lydia Hines*. PI presented Lydia with a Salute to Excellence for her dedicated service to the section and as Museum Day coordinator.
- vi. *Local Section Roster/Volunteer List*. Jeff Flemming is the membership director.
- vii. *Updates to web site*. Steve Bertman should be contacted about updating the page.

5. **Committee Reports**

- a. Awards Committee. SL is taking nominations for outstanding service awards to the section until March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Public Outreach. MW reports that the Pfizer foundation, Kzoo RESA, and the Bronx Zoo are teaming up to present, "Voyage from the Sun," as workshop for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in Kalamazoo County on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. MW will also submit a grant to the ACS local section initiative grant program to sponsor a Science Fair for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders held at the Portage Library.
  - c. Newsletter. LH suggests that article about our 50 year member, Jackson Hester, should be put into the next Newsletter.
6. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm by unanimous vote. Next meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 at Pfizer B126 1-A.