

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
MEETING MINUTES
5 May 2005

Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM at Pfizer B126 1-A.

Present: Kent Alleman (KA), Shawn Hawk, (SH), Joan Esson (JE), Lydia Hines (LH), Dean Cooke (DC), Don Schrieber (DS), Ben Maxey (BM), Kyle Wilson (KW), Andy Rosko (AR)

1. **Agendas Distributed.**
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Cresene is actually spelled Krasean. DC moves to accept, DS seconds. Vote: All in favor.
3. **Kalamazoo College SAACS request for funds.** KW and AR present their plans for two events to be held at Kalamazoo College. The first is an outreach program for 6th graders centered around forensic science, and the second is a social outing for chemistry students and faculty. KW and AR requested for \$150 for the forensics day, which would match funds provided by the college, and for \$120 for the barbecue. DS moves to accept the request on the condition that they provide a list of members that indicates which are ACS members, and give a short report about the event. Vote: all in favor.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** SH reported there is \$18,557.41 in the KACS investment pool and \$14,743.43 in the Standard Federal Account, which includes a \$3,000 donation from Pfizer. SH reports he received a bill from WMU for \$161.60, and DS will check what the charges on the bill are, which are likely testing fees, prior to having SH pay. SH notes that ACS national will reimburse 75% (up to \$875 maximum) for councilor travel. DC moves to accept, JE seconds. Vote: all in favor.
5. **EC Action Items**
 - a. **Old Business**
 - i. *Perrigo sponsor for Outstanding HS Teacher.* Tabled until the next meeting. Mike Kiella is waiting to hear back from contacts at Perrigo.
 - ii. *Tour Speaker Recap.* KA reports that approximately 130 people attended the talk, which went well.
 - b. **New Business**
 - i. *SEED status.* DS reports that there are 2 new students (at a new starting salary of \$2275) and 2 returning students (with a salary increased to \$2600). LH suggests that the newsletter contain a story about previous SEED recipients, such as Curtis Deere who later received awards from the United Negro College Fund and Merck.
 - ii. *Awards Banquet.* The banquet will be held Monday May 23rd. DS and SH will get together to finalize money associated with the event. SH will get release forms to publish pictures of the high school award winner in the Pfizer newsletter. The 50 year members are Tom Houser and Richard His. DS will contact SL about getting their information and inviting them to come to the award banquet to receive an award. DS also reports that only Plainwell and Portage Northern nominated an outstanding teacher. As a side note, based on a question from LH, DS reported that the Science Symposium, which invites students and teachers from a five county area

and consists of talks by speakers and tours of WMU, was held, but not as well attended due to conflicts with schools, and buses. Approximately 150 people came.

- iii. *Local Section Dues.* SH reports that local section dues amounts are due tomorrow. After some discussion among the EC, he will keep the dues at the current value of \$5, and the EC will revisit the issue of possibly increasing the dues next year.
 - iv. *Newsletter Editor Change.* BM reports that Karina wishes to step down as editor of the newsletter. BM kindly volunteered to be editor for the remainder of the year. BM distributed a list of what events typically appear in which newsletter and suggests switching so instead of Jan/Feb paired together, Feb/March will be. The deadline for the next newsletter is June 2. DC suggests to include the councilor report and banquet write up in the next newsletter.
 - v. *Public Outreach Update.* KA reports for Monica Whitmire that we are still waiting to hear about the outcome of the grant proposal. MW contacted the media about the Chemistry of Wine speaker, and the Awards banquet.
6. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm by unanimous vote. Next meeting June 2nd at 5:00 at Pfizer B126 1-A.