

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, 11 June 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Bell's Eccentric Café

Present: Brian Eklov (BE), Doug Williams (SW), Stephen Secreast (SS), Luke Chadwick (LC), Lydia Hines (LEMH), Bill Schinzer (WS)

[There was no formal Agenda for the meeting, but the discussion followed a similar format as at our other monthly meetings.]

- **Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

- The May Minutes were approved with the understanding that LEMH would distribute the notes from the Special meeting conducted at the conclusion of the May meeting to the Executive Committee for approval and these notes would be appended to that month's Minutes before they were sent to Mark for inclusion on the website.

- **Treasurer (Bill)**

- Budget report: there was no formal budget report distributed. WS reported that the transfer of funds to the PNC account is nearing completion and that he will be getting John Miller's signature soon so that the Vanguard account will be completely transferred to his name as our current KACS treasurer.

- **Communications (Chris) - in absentia**

- Timing for next newsletter – no set timing was given for the next newsletter but as stories are written they should be sent to ACSkzoo@gmail.com

- **Project SEED (Doug)**

- The Summer I student has been contacted and he and Dwight Williams, the mentor at K College, are looking forward to this summer. Payments will be given to the student at designated intervals, as last year. The student will begin work on Monday, June 25.

- DW has made contact with the WMU Foundation regarding the funds available for Project SEED (~\$3,100) and also the steps needed to access funds from that account. There was discussion regarding the merits of keeping the funds there or moving them out to a designated account within the KACS budget/bank balance; DW will contact the WMU Chemistry Department to find a faculty or staff member who is willing to help us transfer the remaining funds to the KACS accounts. He will advise the EC accordingly when he has established a feasible way to do this and confirm agreement to proceed. Conversation included making a plan about how we could solicit further funding for our SEED program from our members as well as businesses – BE agreed to help with that once a decision is made.

- **Councilor (Lydia)**
 - Lisa Balbes presentation on careers, a joint meeting with the Huron Valley LS is scheduled for October 4; LEMH is unsure of location at this point in time (K-College possible).
 - NCW – Chem Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum will be Saturday, October 13 noon to 4 pm; **Theme: Chemistry is out of this world**; WMU Chem Club is looking forward to helping.
 - Poster Event at Bell's - Elke Schoffers was not present. It is unclear if reservation has been made for November 13; LC was asked to check with Bells to determine the status of the reservation.
- **Education Committee (Vacant)**
 - DW has spoken with Mike Walsh about any interest he might have in returning to the committee. The EC is hopeful but no definite response has been received; some discussion ensued regarding what else we can offer our teachers and whether or not the examination program is “useful” to them, The AACT offering from ACS was mentioned positively by LEMH and comments were made regarding possibly offering membership to each of our 3-county HS Chemistry teachers (~36) as a “Thank you” for their dedication to the profession (\$50/yr, no ACS membership required; information at teachchemistry.org) HS teachers will be asked if what our Section offers them is helpful to them and/or what else they would like to see from us.
- **Student Chapters** - No reports– summer break.
 - K College (Sabrina)
 - WMU Chem Club (Megan)
 - WMU Chem Grad Students Assoc. (Kristi)
- **Chair (Steve)**
 - Speed networking event set for 26 Sep
- **Chair-Elect (Luke)**
 - LC continues to work on a possible program about “blockchain technology” – he is putting together a proposal to submit for an IPG by July 31.
 - LC sent a short questionnaire to the EC soliciting input regarding concerns perceived as needing to be addressed by the EC
- **Old Business (All)**
 - None
- **New Business (All)**
 - None
- **Wrap Up**
 - Date for **next EC meeting** time: **27 August, Monday, 6:30 pm. Bell's Eccentric Café'**
 - Anything else? Mark Wolfman was contacted regarding our website future as he completes his education at the U of Illinois – Chicago; he has agreed to work with the next webmaster (whom we need to identify) to make sure there will be a smooth transition.