

Executive Committee  
Kalamazoo Section ACS  
Meeting Minutes Mar 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM at Hunan Gardens

Present: Sue Stapleton (SS), Lydia Hines (LH), Doug Williams, (DW), John Miller (JM), Carl Stachew (CS), Andre Ventre (AV), John Wendt (JW)

1. Secretary's Report

- a. February minutes were approved with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Feb. report was approved with revision to add \$250 Science Café grant to the checking balance. March report approved.
- b. Investment/Checking Funds update. Pending completion of administrative work by Vanguard.

3. WMU and KCollege Student Members

- a. WMU. No report.
- b. KCollege No report

4. Old Business

- a. SPARKLE workshop: No representative identified. National ACS wants someone who will commit to undertaking a Public Relations Chair in the local section.
- b. Science Café: See summary in the March newsletter.
- c. MS user group has 22 attendees from industry, academia and retirees. Next event is being held during the WMU Chemistry Research Day on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Planning a recycled poster session after the ASMS meeting.
- d. Spring Science Symposium: Cancelled due to lack of interest. Possibility of rescheduling the event in May.
- e. Spring Speaker (3/22/11): Dr. Heindel will arrive early afternoon. First stop is at Kalexsyn for 1.5 hours followed by some break time before the dinner at 5:00PM. Anyone interested in attending the dinner contact Doug Williams. The talk starts at 6:30 PM at KAMSC titled "Tinctures, Tonics, and Patent Medicines: A History of Commercialized Quackery"

5. New Business

- a. The section welcomed Dr. John Wendt from Pfizer Vet Med R&D. John explained Pfizer is offering 2K towards joint activities with KACS. Potential events are a recycled poster session and a fall speaker. DW will work with John on the details for the events.
- b. Action Item table: Earth Day event needs volunteers to assist LH. The event is at the Kalamazoo Nature Center on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Science Café will be held in April at KVCC focusing on alternative energy. The March newsletter will have contain an announcement for Teacher's Awards.

6. Around the Table

- a. CS noted that Pfizer Science Outreach is working with a teacher's group through K-RESA and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum to bring hands on science to K-12. This group may be a future source for cooperation with

KACS through an innovation grant. The group is determining projects for grant funding.

- b. AV noted the Detroit Museum is hosting a Fakes and Forgeries exhibit. He would like to get a carpool together for members interested in attending.
- c. SS noted the High School Science Olympiad will be held March 19 at WMU. Volunteers are needed.
- d. LH noted the 2010 annual report was submitted to National ACS.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM

The next meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Hunan Gardens (West Main location).

Minutes submitted by Carl Stachew.