

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
MEETING MINUTES
7 April 2005

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM at Pfizer B126 1-A.

Present: Kent Alleman (KA), Shawn Hawk, (SH), Joan Esson (JE), Lydia Hines (LH), Dean Cooke (DC), Sheryl Loux (SL), Jennifer Larese (JL), Patrick Irish (PI), Monica Whitmire (MW)

1. **Agendas Distributed.**
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** MW points out that doing chemiluminescence instead of liquid nitrogen for Science is Fun, and LH points out that there are 100 people not paying dues (does not necessarily mean they are not in the section since dues are voluntary). PI moves to accept, LH seconds. Vote: All in favor.
3. **Introduction of Social Coordinator.** Jennifer Larese was introduced as the new social coordinator. JL put forth several ideas, including beginning a mailing list and putting stuff on the website to survey the members about what events they might be interested in. Some ideas include Habitat for Humanity, local festivals, Art Hop, relays/walks, BBQ, Chef's table, and garage sale. LH suggests to start a Young Chemists Committee as well.
4. **Kalamazoo College SAACS request.** Tabled until next meeting
5. **Treasurer's Report.** SH reported there is \$18,557.41 in the KACS investment pool and \$12,379.02 in the Standard Federal Account, of which \$1034.78 is in reserve for the WMU SAACS. PI moves to accept, LH seconds. Vote: all in favor.
6. **EC Action Items**
 - a. **Old Business**
 - i. *Boy Scout Merit Badge Day.* SH reports that 210 scouts attended. Although it went well, SH suggests running it more directly through the Scouts office in the future. SH&DS will work on guidebook for Boy Scout Day in the future, and possible a liability form or accountability form for the scoutmasters to be in charge of their scouts (one scout was left by his troop over the lunch hour).
 - ii. *Public Outreach Update.* MW reports that the Science Fair proposal was submitted, and that we should hear back later this month. Pfizer has donated \$3000 toward the event. MW reports that Science is Fun will occur in the month of October in 4 local schools. PI and MW will work on getting more media coverage for ACS events. Since Pfizer has also donated funds toward the Outstanding HS Teacher Award, they would like to put together an article about the award, and a picture of the recipient in their newsletter. Also, congratulations to MW for receiving a \$1000 award from Pfizer for influencing the external environment for her work on Science is Fun and other outreach programs.
 - iii. *Perrigo sponsor for outstanding HS teacher.* KA reports that MK will send letter to Perrigo later this week.
 - iv. *NCW/Chemistry Day.* The date for Museum Day will be October 15th, which is the Saturday before NCW begins. PI reports that the banner

reservations have been made. There may possibly be a visit from the ACS president during NCW.

- v. *Pfizer policy on solicitation of posted materials.* KA reports that BM has resolved this issue so that mailings for ACS events can readily occur. Sherri Henderson gave approval for positing information and email for ACS.
- vi. *March/April Newsletter.* The newsletter was distributed via email and hardcopies were mailed Monday.
- vii. *April Tour Speaker.* Ernest Simpson will present his talk, "The Chemistry of Wine," at Kalamazoo College on Wednesday April 20th at 6:30. LH sent Bill Crisene from the Gazette about information about the talk to have him possibly interview the speaker.

b. ***New Business***

- i. *SEED status.* Tabled until the next meeting.
- ii. *Awards Banquet.* The banquet will be held Monday May 23rd. Information about the event was included in the newsletter, along with a reply form. KA will contact past-chair and 50 year ACS member John Shic.
- iii. *Local Section Dues.* Dues are currently \$5. Discussion to possibly raise the dues has been tabled until the next meeting.
- iv. *Kalamazoo Public Reading Program.* LH reports that there is a program to read to kids in Bronson Park on Wednesday June 1st from 10-11 at the 8th annual Party in the Park. LH, JE, and SH volunteered to take part and represent ACS at this event.
- v. *Chemists Celebrate Earth Day.* LH reports that April 22nd is Earth Day. The next newsletter should include a solicitation for someone to chair a celebration for Earth Day next year.

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. Councilors. The councilors report that: (a) dues will change to \$127 per year with a \$5 surcharge for divisions and local sections; (b) the committee on ethics was approved; (c) Catherine Hunt and John Kozarich were selected to join George Heinze as nominations for president; (d) the election will be a hybrid election – both hardcopy and electronic.
 - b. Women Chemists Committee. SL reports that there will be a general meeting on April 24th, and that there are 2 positions open on the steering committee.
6. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm by unanimous vote. Next meeting May 4th at 5:00 at Pfizer B126 1-A.