

Executive Committee  
Kalamazoo Section ACS  
Meeting Minutes Nov 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM at TGIFridays

Present: John Miller (JM), Mike Kiella (MK), Lydia Hines (LH), Wally Hines (WH), Don Schreiber (DS), Tom Smith (TS), Evan Garret (EG), Monica Whitmire (MW), Carl Stachew (CS)

1. Secretary's Report

- a. The Oct meeting minutes were approved.
- b. Action Item Table: Update table with completion of Chemistry Day and Science Café items. Change date to Sep-09 for new experiments for Chemistry Day. Add action item for follow through on website design.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Oct report approved. Project Seed student check will be sent subtracting stipend from National since report was not completed.

3. WMU and Kcollege Student Affiliates

- a. WMU: Science demo at Plainwell Elementary on Nov. 7th. For Mole Day had a volcano demo. Will give science demo for Otsego Elementary Fun Night in mid Nov. (EG) LH asked if the student affiliates had contacted the Cub Scout Troop in Paw Paw regarding a request for a hands-on science activity. EG responded that contact would be made.
- b. Kcollege: Hosted Mole Day event on campus with demos for teachers and their children. Conducted a pumpkin carving event with chemical themes. (TS)

4. Old Business

- a. Mailings: JM will handle through WMU. WMU admin staff may be able to support. JM noted the attendance for Science Cafes is down slightly with having just e-mail notification. Mailings may be reaching additional members.
- b. Social Event: 20 people expected. Attracting a different base of members than previous events. Event is ready.

5. New Business

- a. Preliminary 2009 budget submitted by JM. Income and expense items for second Councilor travel will be removed. Net effect is \$800 surplus. Suggestion made to add this surplus to student conference funding. JM will update budget for finalization at Dec meeting. Change "Newsletter" to "Post Card Mailings" under Administration Expenses.
- b. Requirements for Student Presentations: Budget discussion led to ideas on how to promote KACS as a source for funding student presentations at conferences. MK, MW and LH will develop a request form to present to local college chem. departments. Goal is to provide an opportunity for students to practice writing and presenting a funding request along with providing funding.



- c. EG presented a request for partial funding for his trip to present at the American Geophysical Society in December. The presentation is titled "Inhibition of Gypsum Precipitation for Subsurface Barrier Formation. Sponsor is Dr. Barcelona from WMU. Exec Committee agreed to fund the abstract and registration fees of \$115.

6. Around the table

- a. Attendance for Chem Day was above 600. Survey Monkey was used to obtain feedback on the event and all but one response was positive.
- b. MK indicated there was still time to RSVP to the social event.
- c. CS has contacted Kate Sellar from National to help with website design. Waiting for a reply.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday Dec. 3, 2008 at 6:00 PM at TGIFridays.

Minutes submitted by Carl Stachew.