

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Meeting Minutes March 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM at TGIFridays

Present: James Kiddle (JK), Don Schrieber (DS), Kate Shaw (KS), John Miller (JM), Lydia Hines (LH), Tom Smith (TS), Carl Stachew (CS)

1. Secretary's Report

- a. The February meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. The report was approved. No progress on tracking down Scott Vanderlugt.

3. WMU and Kcollege Student Affiliates

- a. WMU: Participated in the Waylee Science Night and scheduled to participate in the Northeastern Science Night. New chem. club shirts are available.
- b. Kcollege: TS provided an update. Most active chem. majors are overseas during fall and winter semesters. 32 sophomores have declared chemistry as their major. Students made aware of ACS student affiliates. Many will assist with Girl Scout Merit Badge Day. Current student leader is Katherine Diffenderfer. Email: Katherine.Diffenderfer05@kzoo.edu.

4. Old Business

- a. Fred Upton visit to WMU was successful. DS gave ACS position documents regarding NSF and DOE funding.
- b. Science Cafés at Belles 7PM: (1) March 10, 2008, Lt. Marty Johnson, CSI: An Overview of Current Practices (2) April 7, 2008, Dr. Jim Howell, Forensic Science at the US FDA (3) May 19, 2008, Scott Aldrich Topic to be determined. DS offered to look into the Copy Cup as an alternate location for future cafes.
- c. Postcards sent for spring tour speaker. Date is March 12, 2008.
- d. Bylaw changes: CS to look into e-balloting through National ACS. Heartland section is not currently doing it. LH checked Robert's Rules for a quorum and the rules leave it open to us how to define a quorum.

5. New Business

- a. Women in Chemistry at Michigan State University is March 29th. A full day professional development workshop. Posters were handed out for distribution.
- b. Earth Day is April 22. Current thought is to partner with the Nature Center. JK will check with Lydia Hines.
- c. Competitive Exam: Will be sent to high schools week of March 3-7. April 11th is the final exam date. May 19th is the date for the reception.
- d. Please send nominees for Meritorius Local Section Award by April 19th to LH.
- e. Kalamazoo Public Library is sponsoring a "Party in the Park" on May 28th at 10-11 AM at Bronson Park. Volunteers are needed to read to pre-school children. Contact LH by May 10th if interested.

- f. Earth Day theme will be “Adopt A Stream”. LH provided TS and KS with a handout describing this year’s contest that is open to Student Affiliates based on the theme.

6. Around the table

- a. (JK) The regional Science Olympiad will be held at WMU on March 15. Anyone interested in volunteering for Oceanography and Forensics events.
- b. (DS) Request for Project Seed sent to national ACS. Waiting for a reply.
- c. (LH) Great Lakes Region is asking all local sections if there is a desire to incorporate. All other regions have incorporated. If the region does incorporate each local section must host a meeting. The other alternative is to disband the Great Lakes Region and join an adjacent region.

New Orleans meeting will discuss changing Student Affiliates to Student Members and election issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Carl Stachew.