

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
MEETING MINUTES
3 March 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), Mike Kiella (MK), Sheryl Loux (SL), Sharon Barbour (SB).

1. **Agendas Distributed.**
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** MK moves to accept, DC seconds. Vote: All in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** SH reported that the section received \$1900 in local section dues, and the allotment should come in next week (\$7936). The local section dues is ~\$500 less than last year, which means the section lost ~100 members. SH sent out information about the accounts through email on March 4. There is \$18,557.41 in the KACS investment pool and \$5,837.90 in the Standard Federal Account, and \$18,557.41 in the KACS investment pool.
4. **EC Action Items**
 - a. **Old Business**
 - i. *Boy Scout Merit Badge Day.* SH reports that 205 scouts are registered, and that Pfizer recently changed policy regarding solicitation through email and posted materials without prior approval.
 - ii. *Public Outreach Update.* KA reports that the Science Fair proposal was modified to focus more on the chemistry and provide awards from the ACS store. Science is Fun is revising their program slightly – slime and pH are being replaced by silly putty and liquid nitrogen or dry ice.
 - iii. *Perrigo sponsor for outstanding HS teacher.* MK has name of person to talk with at Perrigo and will follow up. KA will contact DS about date for Spring Banquet. SL reports that there are two 50 year members.
 - b. **New Business**
 - i. *National Chemistry Week/Chemistry Day.* Sharon Barbour was introduced as the new NCW/Chemistry Day at the Museum coordinator. Downtown Kalamazoo, INC has changed the date of the holiday parade to November 19. NCW is the week of October 16-22. After discussion about when to have Chemistry Day at the Museum, the executive board decided to hold it at the end of NCW week if that is agreeable with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. KA reports that PI did reserve banner for the week of October 16-22.
 - ii. *New Pfizer policy on solicitation and posted materials.* KA and Ben Maxey will follow up with getting ACS approved as a society that can distribute solicitations within Pfizer.
 - iii. *Social Director.* Jennifer Larese has agreed to be the new social coordinator. There was discussion of having an ACS sponsored event that included wine tasting after the talk given by the Spring Tour Speaker, which will be on the Chemistry of Wine. After discussion, it was decided

that ACS should have events that promote society's goals and need to be careful with sponsoring events involving alcohol, with the suggesting of having someone else sponsor the wine tasting portion, perhaps Bacchus.

- iv. *Councilor Report – National Meeting in San Diego.* DC reports there are no by-law amendments to be voted on at this meeting. However, there is a proposal to be discussed. Currently, if there is not a single majority winner for the national election, another ballot must be sent out by November 15th. However, due to time constraints, this is difficult to achieve, and a proposal will be to send out the second round of ballots within 4 weeks. There will also be a vote regarding a dues increase from \$123 to \$127, which will likely pass, and a vote to establish an Ethics committee, which DC and LH will both support. MK asks for discussion of local section dues at the next EC meeting.
 - v. *Newsletter.* The March/April newsletter will soon go to press and any items should be submitted for inclusion. KA will get date of Spring Banquet from DS to put in newsletters.
 - vi. *Funding from Pfizer.* In order to receive more money from Pfizer in the future, it would be beneficial to do an assessment of all programs receiving Pfizer funds.
 - vii. *SEED status.* Tabled until next EC meeting
6. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm by unanimous vote. Next meeting April 7th at 5:00 at Pfizer B126 1-A.