

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
Meeting Minutes
07 February 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm at TGI Fridays on West Main.

Present: Dean Cooke (DC), Lydia Hines (LH), Clark Kahn (CK), Barbara Lee (BL), Sheryl Loux (SL), John Miller (JM), Don Schreiber (DS), and Monica Whitmire (MW)

1. **Secretary's Report**
 - a. Minutes from the December 2006 and January 2007 meetings were unanimously accepted as submitted.
2. **Western Michigan University Affiliates**
 - a. No affiliates were present.
 - b. The Chemistry of Beer Program was well publicized on campus. The presentation and tasting will be free at Bell's at 6:00pm on February 8.
3. **KACS EC Officer Job Descriptions from 1981**
 - a. A file had been emailed to the EC and the original was returned to LH.
 - b. The descriptions may be revised. It will be added to the "action item" table to include in the May agenda.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. The January 2007 Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted as submitted.
 - b. JM stated that the \$500 ACS grant was received
 - c. JM stated that there were two outstanding checks: 1) James Kiddle's (JK) New Officer Conference expenses and 2) the Dec-Jan newsletter.
 - d. JM submitted the 2006 Financial Report to the councilors for review and signatures.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Report on January 2006 Baltimore Local Section Leadership Conference.
 - 1) JK was not present. Tabled until next month.
 - b. Status of Elementary School Outreach Program
 - 1) Carl Stachew (CS), from the Pfizer Educational Initiative (PEI) committee, was not present to discuss the event.
 - 2) MW will try to attend on February 21 and may take the ACS blue banner to the event. (Post meeting note, MLW was not able to attend and the banner was not necessary due to the presentation format.)
 - 3) ACS could provide stickers to apply to the handouts.
 - c. Status of Search for KALCHEMIST News Editor
 - 1) SL introduced CK. He gave an overview of his education and work experiences.
 - 2) CK had let his ACS membership lapse. He will re-apply, and then begin serving as the news editor.
 - 3) The hardcopy newsletter is currently printed at Pfizer. A possible future need for an alternate hardcopy provider will be added to the "action item" table.
 - 4) A newsletter committee will be formed in March.

- d. Science Café Mini-Grant Planning Committee
 - 1) Funds (\$500) were received.
 - 2) Discussion tabled until next month.
- e. Status of Mentor Program Development Activities
 - 1) Tabled until next month.
- f. Earth Day – April 22
 - 1) BL provided information about the Illustrated Haiku Contest to the PEI committee. The will share the information with KRESA at the workshop on February 21.
- g. Invitation to the PEI Committee
 - 1) BL will have this added to the next PEI committee meeting agenda.
- 6. **New Business**
 - a. FY2006 Annual Report – Due by February 15
 - 1) MW has completed her part on-line.
 - 2) MK was finishing his portion on February 7.
 - 3) The councilors will send it out.
 - b. Status of Boy Scout Merit Badge Program
 - 1) MW was contacted by Phil Bowman (PB). His email is pbow6456@charter.net. The scouts are asking if we have an interest in holding the event this year.
 - 2) The event may be possible in the fall, as well as a tour of the WMU labs.
 - 3) DS will contact PB.
 - c. Around the Table
 - 1) BL was contacted by Wendell Tomes. He works in Environmental Health and Safety/Chemical Hygiene at Pfizer. He would like to get involved with KACS and plans to attend the March meeting.
 - 2) DS stated that the Science Symposium is tentative for May 1. High school chemistry students from five counties will come to WMU.
 - 3) DS stated that exam mailings have gone out.
 - 4) MW contacted Katherine Platt at the library to update their information on KACS.
 - 5) MW would like some input for topics of interest for tour speakers.
 - 6) CK volunteered to present “9/11 – Toxic Legacy” in the spring.
 - 7) DC will provide the councilor topic report in March.
 - 8) LH stated that the PBS documentary on NOVA about Percy Jullian, “Forgotten Genius”, was very good.
 - 9) SL will be helping the Girl Scouts with their badge for Chemistry.
 - 10) CK stated that he could present “Trip to Mars” at the museum or as a high school symposium.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm by unanimous vote. The next meeting date will be Wednesday, March 14, at 6:00pm at TGI Fridays on West Main in Kalamazoo.