

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
Meeting Minutes 03 May 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm at TGI Fridays on West Main.

Present: Dean Cooke (DC), Lydia Hines (LH), James Kiddle (JK), Loren LaPointe (LL), Barbara Lee (BL), Sheryl Loux (SL), John Miller (JM), Kate Shaw (KS)

1. Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes from the March 2007 meeting had three corrections: 1) DC, not DH in 5.a, and 2-3) *event*, not banquet in 4.a.2).b) and 5.c.
- b. The "action item" table was accepted as submitted.

2. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College Student Affiliates

- a. KS was introduced as the new WMU Chem Club treasurer.
- b. LL will be going to Spain.
- c. No Kalamazoo College student affiliates were present.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. The April 2007 Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted as submitted.
- b. The High School Science Symposium made a profit of \$70.

4. Old Business

- a. KALCHEMIST Newsletter
 - 1) Clark Kahn (CK) and Mike Keilla (MK) were not present for an update.
- b. Science Café Mini-Grant
 - 1) Bell's was contacted as a possible public gathering place for three Cafés.
 - 2) August, September and October were suggested dates.
 - 3) A 15 – 20 minutes intro would be followed by discussion.
 - 4) Suggested topics were global change, renewable fuels, and sustainability.
- c. ACS seminar "Contaminated Soil: In Your Backyard"
 - 1) Wendell Tomes (WT) emailed an outline, web link references, and PowerPoint to CK.
 - 2) CK was not present for an update.
- d. The Spring Awards Event will be held on May 21 in the lobby of the new chemistry building at WMU at 6pm.
- e. JK presented the New Member postcard. There were eight new student affiliates and three new members last month.
- f. JK asked that comments on the KACS-EC roll definitions/job descriptions be sent to him before the June meeting.
- g. JK will contact Dr. Al Hazari to present "Chemistry in Comics" at the Fall Speaker event.
- h. JM and JK will contact Steve Bertman to update the KACS web site.

5. New Business

- a. The ACS Local Section Survey was filled out and JK will submit it before May 21.
- b. Chemistry Day at the Museum will be Saturday, October 13. The theme this year is "The Many Faces of Chemistry".

c. Around the Table

- 1) JM stated that national dues will remain level for next year, but our allotment will decrease about \$1400. We unanimously voted to raise local dues from \$5 to \$6 starting January 1, 2008.
- 2) LH invited seven 50- and 60-year members to the Spring Event.
- 3) JK reported that the KACS local section will be losing one councilor for 2008 – 2011. JK will find out the exact membership number ACS used for the calculation. SL volunteered to not be the alternate and DC volunteered not to be the councilor.
- 4) JL will send a PDF of the Local Section Award to DS.
- 5) LH and Wally Hines participated in Earth Day on April 21 at the Kalamazoo Nature Center.
- 6) LH stated that a Great Lakes Region meeting will be held May 14 – 16, 2009 in Chicago. We will be getting information about incorporation...this would require us to host a meeting periodically.
- 7) SL requested an “action item”...can we be in a different region.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm by unanimous vote. The next meeting date will be Thursday, June 7, at 6:00pm at TGI Fridays on West Main in Kalamazoo.