

## Society of Physics Students

### General Meeting

#### Minutes

January 12, 2009

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: 8

Officers present: Laura Seward (President), Autumn Hallmark (Vice-President), Bob Baker (Secretary and Treasurer)

- Vice President Report: Autumn will work with Tim Blackwell to set up a tour of the Holography Lab for this semester.
- Treasurer Report: We have \$23.00 in the checking account and \$5.00 in petty cash on hand. Dues for Spring 2009 semester are \$5. Several people paid their dues at the meeting.
- Social Chair Report: Two suggestions were made for possible guest speakers for this semester: Dr. Jack Fix, Dean of the College of Science and author of a textbook on Astronomy; and Mitzi Adams, space scientist for NASA.
- SPS T-shirts: Kira Patty won the contest on quotes: Her winning entry: Physics... prodding the very fabric of reality, whether it wants it or not." Tentative price of shirts will be \$12. They will be Charger blue with white lettering and will feature the SPS logo on the front with the University of Alabama in Huntsville written out and the quote on the back. Orders will be taken by Ashley Campbell.
- Boeing/United Launch Alliance Delta rocket plant tour: Laura is attempting to schedule it, probably on a Friday. There was no consensus on the best time of day.
- SPS Zone 6 Meeting 2009: It will be held at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, PR, on March 19-22. Zone 6 includes Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico. It is scheduled during UAH spring break.
- Six Flags Over Georgia's Physics Day: Will be held on Friday, April 24. We would need at least six students to get the group rate of \$23 per person.
- International Astronomy Day: It is in early May, we may plan a party on campus around final exams to recognize and celebrate this special day. We will coordinate with the Astronomy Club.
- Bob Baker agreed to moderate a discussion of cutting edge science issues at the next meeting if people can let him know what topics they would like to discuss before the next meeting.
- Announcements:
  - "Effect of MeV Si Ion Bombardment on Thermoelectric Properties of Sequentially Deposited SiO<sub>2</sub>/AuxSiO<sub>2</sub>(1-x) Nanolayers" by S. Boudak, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2:30 PM, Optics Building Seminar Room
  - "The James Webb Space Telescope" by Dr. Mark Clampin, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2:30 PM, NSSTC 4078
  - Physics Diversity Summit and the Joint Annual Conferences of the National Society of Black Physicists and National Society of Hispanic Physicists, Feb. 11 – 15, Nashville, TN

- Next Meeting: Monday, January 26th, 5:00 PM.