

Society of Physics Students

General Meeting

Minutes

February 9, 2009

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: 14

Officers present: Laura Seward (President), Bob Baker (Secretary and Treasurer)

- Treasurer Report
 - Checking Acct: \$61. Petty Cash: \$27. Balance with SGA: \$100. Dues were collected during the meeting, @ \$5 per semester. \$12 was given to Ashley to pay for a t-shirt for Kira Patty, who was the winner of the t-shirt quote contest.
- Social Committee Chair Report
 - Kira Patty discussed the possibility of having a luncheon on one of the afternoons during Spring Break.
- Demonstration Committee Chair Report: Stephanie Long discussed possible demonstrations for open houses and other occasions.
- SPS T-shirt Quote Contest
 - Price of t-shirts is \$12 each
 - Orders were taken by Ashley Campbell. Payments were made at the meeting. Bob Baker wrote a check to Ashley Campbell for \$36 for three t-shirts that will be owned by SPS and sold to interested persons at our cost in the future. This enabled us to meet the minimum number of shirts purchased: 26.
- UAH Open House/Club/Organization Fair
 - This will be held Saturday, Feb. 21st from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. Bob and Laura will attend, and several other members indicated they may also staff the table.
- Boeing/United Launch Alliance Delta rocket plant tour
 - Still working on reaching our contact.
- Announcements
 - - Science Olympiad organizational meeting, Tues., Feb. 10, 1:45 – 2:15 PM, Optics Building Seminar Room. Volunteers needed for Science Olympiad. Free pizza will be provided.
 - Cosmic-ray acceleration and magnetic field amplification at supernova remnant shocks" by Dr. J. Niemiec, Tues., Feb. 10, 2:30 - 3:30, Optics Building Seminar Room
 - "Simulations of galaxy cluster mergers and cosmology" by M. Chatzikos, Tues., Feb. 10, 3:30 - 4:30, NSSTC 2096
 - "Probing Solar-Flare Ion Acceleration through Gamma Rays" by Albert Shih, Fri., Feb. 13, 10:30 - 11:30, NSSTC 2096
- Guest Speaker: Mr. William Snoddy. Mr. Snoddy gave a very interesting presentation that allowed us to see the inner workings of the early days of the space program and also discussed recent developments.
- Bob Baker led a discussion of hot topics in Physics. Every member present discussed the things that they thought were most interesting on the horizon. Mr. Snoddy also participated in the discussion.

The next SPS general meeting will be on Monday, February 23 at 5:00 PM.