

**Society of Physics Students**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**February 23, 2009**

- Vice President Report
  - UAH lab tours: Autumn is working on a holography lab tour.
- Treasurer Report:
  - A check was issued at the last meeting to Ashley Campbell for expenses related to the purchase of SPS T-shirts, in the amount of \$36. This money will be used to pay taxes and shipping and handling charges.
  - Balance in checking account: \$25. Cash on hand: \$31. One check for dues for \$5 has not been deposited in the bank yet. Total cash assets: \$61.
- Social Committee Chair Report
  - Social event during Spring Break: Kira Patty will host an SPS get-together at her house on the first weekend of spring break.
- Demonstration Committee Chair Report:
  - Two successful demonstrations were provided at the UAH Open House.
  - Next project is to construct a “Jacob’s ladder”.
- SPS T-shirts: Ashley reported that these were successfully ordered.
- UAH Open House Club/Org Fair
  - Laura extended her thanks and the thanks of Prof. Miller, Dept. Chair, to all of the students who volunteered at the Open House.
  - The next Open House will be on Saturday, April 18.
- Boeing/United Launch Alliance Delta rocket plant tour
  - Laura is still working on reaching our contact.
- Clearview Tour: Rob Freiderich is working to organize this tour.
- Sigma Pi Sigma honors society – The induction ceremony will take place on the April 22 study day.
- Announcements
  - "Exploration of the Saturn System by the Cassini/Composite Infrared Spectrometer (CIRS)" by Mian Abbas, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2:30 – 3:30, Optics Building Seminar Room
  - "Lunar Occultation Imaging in Nuclear Astrophysics: A New Paradigm for Future Investigations" Ph.D. defense by Matt Orr, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10:00, OB Seminar Room
  - "Characterizing the X-ray emitting plasmas in young stars" by S. Shukla, Tuesday, March 3, 2:30 – 3:30, OB Seminar Room
  - Dr. Strong will need proctors and graders on Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Guest Speaker: Ms. Mitzi Adams
  - Our guest speaker, Ms. Mitzi Adams, discussed how she got into the field of solar physics and what her current research is like. She is looking for a student to volunteer time to help program a new camera for the vector magnetograph located in the larger dome on the roof of the Optics Building. If interested, contact her at [mitzi.adams@nasa.gov](mailto:mitzi.adams@nasa.gov).

The next SPS general meeting will be on Monday, March 9 at 5:00 PM.