

Society of Physics Students

General Meeting

Minutes

March 9, 2009

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: 11

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

- Dr. Michael Newchurch spoke to us about his research in the Atmospheric Sciences Department and working with student researchers. He discussed various projects done at UAH, including weekly balloon launches to measure the ozone, laser measurements of the atmosphere, and more.
- Treasurer Report
 - Checking Acct: \$40. Petty Cash: \$20. Balance with SGA: \$100.
- Social Committee Chair Report
 - Kira Patty discussed the star party that she will host on Sunday March 15th from 5 p.m. til midnight.
- Demonstration Committee Chair Report
 - Stephanie Long discussed the logistics of creating a Jacob's Ladder. She will try to find a transformer of sufficient power.
- SPS T-Shirts
 - Ashley distributed t-shirts to those members who were present and had purchased a shirt.
- Clearview Cancer Institute Tour with Dr. Rob Rice
 - Thursday, March 26, 7:00 PM. RSVP with Rob Freiderich.
- Boeing/United Launch Alliance Delta rocket plant tour
 - Laura is still working on reaching our contact.
- Sigma Pi Sigma honors society
 - Wednesday, April 22 (study day)
- Announcements
 - "RY Scuting Along: Studying a Messy Binary" by Erika Grundstrom, Tuesday, March 10, 2:30 - 3:30, Optics Building Seminar Room
 - "Detection of Spatially Extended Sources in High Energy Astrophysics with Special Application to Lunar Occultation" Ph.D. defense by Peter Jenke, Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 AM, Optics Building Seminar Rooms
- Nominations for officers for next school year will be accepted at the next meeting. The election of officers will occur at the subsequent meeting (April 6). Email Laura if you have any questions about officers' duties.

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