

**Society of Physics Students**  
**General Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**March 23, 2009**

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: 9

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

- Treasurer Report
  - Bob gave \$11.50 cash to Ashley for expenses previously incurred. That left \$9.50 in petty cash and \$40.00 in the checking account.
- Social Committee Chair Report
  - Thank you to Kira who hosted the SPS star party on March 15!
  - We would like to have an after-finals party. May 1, the International Year of Astronomy's Astronomy Day, may be a good date.
- Demonstration Committee Chair Report
  - We are searching for parts for a Jacob's ladder, including a large transformer. If you have any, contact Stephanie Long.
- Clearview Cancer Institute Tour
  - This will take place this Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 PM.
- ULA/Boeing Delta Decatur Operations Factory Tour
  - This will take place on Friday, April 10 from 1:00 - 2:30 (carpool leaves at 12:15).
  - Open to U.S. citizens only. Attendees need an original birth certificate or a U.S. passport.
  - Contact Laura to RSVP.
- Sigma Pi Sigma honors society
  - Induction ceremony will be on April 22 at 3 p.m.
- Announcements
  - "Fermi GBM Observations of Terrestrial Gamma Flashes" by Michael Briggs, Tuesday, March 24, 2:30, Optics Building Seminar Room
  - "Morphology and dynamics of polymer nanocomposites" by M. Goswami, Friday, April 3, 2:30, Seminar Room
  - Dr. Strong will need graders on Friday, March 27 at 4:00.
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Jack Fix
  - Dr. Fix discussed a wide variety of topics, including his textbook on astronomy, responsibilities of being Dean of the College of Science, and his research.
- SPS 2009 - 2010 Officer Election Nominations
  - Available positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Several names were placed into nomination, and additional nominations will be open until April 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Eligibility: Must be a current UAH student with at least a 2.25 GPA and comply with the UAH Student Government Association regulations and policies. Must be a local and national member of SPS.
  - Elections will be held on April 6 and by absentee ballot (please note that absentee ballots will not be anonymous). Only local SPS members are eligible to vote.

The next SPS general meeting will be on Monday, April 6 at 5:00 PM.