

Society of Physics Students

General Meeting

Minutes

October 20, 2008

Call to order: 5:05 p.m.

Attendance: 8 members

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

- President Report:
 - President Seward announced that UAH SGA has approved our Chapter's re-charter.
- Vice President report
 - Autumn discussed upcoming UAH lab tours.
- Social Chair Report: Kira discussed the attendance at the movie nights. After discussion, it was decided that movie nights should be on every-other-Monday at 5:00 p.m. on the weeks that SPS does not have a meeting. The next movie night will be on Oct. 27th.
- There will be a tour of Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) on Nov. 21st, time to be decided, but it will be in the early afternoon. Members or other students wishing to go on the tour must provide Social Security numbers, date of birth, and place of birth.
- UAH open house: October 11th
 - Laura Seward, Bob Baker, and Chase Holtz staffed the SPS table. They talked to about a dozen prospective students and/or their parents.
 - The next open house will be on Saturday, Nov. 15th. We need volunteers to staff a table and speak to prospective Physics students. A free lunch may be provided by the University.
- Gamma-ray Burst Symposium:

- This is being held Oct. 20-23 at the Embassy Suites in downtown Huntsville. Laura Seward is scheduling and coordinating volunteers to help at the Symposium.
- Ashley Campbell was elected to homecoming court.
- An Astronomy Club is being formed. Ashley Campbell is the principal organizer. The first meeting will be on Wed., Oct. 22nd on the second floor of the Optics Building.
- Announcements:
 - “Black Holes: From Einstein to Gamma-Ray Bursts” by Niel Gehrels, Monday night, Oct. 20th at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center’s Davidson Center.
 - The SPS Movie Nights have been moved to every-other-Monday at 5:00, the same time as the SPS general meetings, but during off-weeks. The next movie night will be on Monday, Oct. 27, in the Optics Building Seminar Room (234). Contact Kira with questions or suggestions
 - Charger ACM is hosting a Halloween party on Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m. It will take place on the 3rd floor of Technology Hall. There will be video game themed costume contest and other activities
- Next Meeting: Monday, November 3, 5:00 PM. A discussion of “Politics and Science” will be held at the end of the business meeting. Dr. Rob Rice will be the guest speaker. Dr. Rice received his Bachelor of Science Degree in pure mathematics. He received a Master’s Degree in Physics from DePaul University in Chicago, and his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Wisconsin. He is Director of Medical Physics at Clearview Cancer Institute, Huntsville, AL. His specialty is Therapeutic Radiation Oncology. He will talk about careers as a medical physicist.