

ACS-GHS Board Meeting
08/12/19
06:30 PM to 8:01 PM
University of St Thomas; SHP 251;
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Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Snigdha Chennamaneni
2. Harris County Department of Education – Case for Kids – Michael Wilson
3. Adoption of April 2019 Meeting Minutes - Snigdha Chennamaneni
4. Committee Updates
 - I. Programming - Crystal Young
 - YCC - Kevin Ramirez
 - WCC - Valerie Lafitte
 - MAC - Javoris Hollingsworth
 - ECH - Larry Dennis
 - Seminars & Summer Social - Crystal Young
 - Science Cafe - Mamie Moy
 - TAG - Carolyn Burnley
 - II. Awards - Lisa Houston
 - III. Education - Roxie Allen
 - Chemistry Olympiad - Jerry Yang
 - Project Seed - Carolyn Burnley
 - AACT Liaison - Amiee Modic
 - HS Chem Clubs Liaison - Jamie Flint
 - Middle School Liaison - Lizzy Pandhi
 - Scholarship Exam - Tai-Yen
 - Student Affiliates - Reese Johnson
 - IV. Community Affairs - Kerry Spilker
 - CCEW & NCW - Reese Johnson
 - Kids & Chemistry - Bob Botto
 - Education Rainbow Challenge - Eme Abu
 - Industry Relations - J.C. Kuo
 - High School Outreach-
 - V. Communications & Technology - Dawn Friesen
 - VI. Strategic planning - Amber Hinkle
 - VII. Membership - Qi Wang
5. Any Other Business

ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

August 12th, 2019

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Meeting convened at 6:33PM at UST.

Attendees:

Snigdha Chennamaneni, Crystal Young, Shreya Shah, Catherine Faler, Carolyn Burnley, Kevin Ramirez, Dawn Friesen, Lisa Houston, David Singleton, Sunny Tang, Amber Hinkle.

2. Adoption of May 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Snigdha made a motion for adoption of June and July minutes. 9 people approved in the meeting and Catherine approved in email. Quorum was reached and minutes were approved.

3. Budget Summary: Sam Lewis

Snigdha will email Sam for a budget review.

4. Committee Reporting:

I. Programming Committee: Crystal Young

- Younger Chemists Committee: Kevin Ramirez
No updates.
- Women Chemists Committee: Valerie Lafitte
No updates. Speed networking is still not on forms. Need to update that.
- Minority Affairs Committee: Javoris Hollingsworth
Crystal gave a summary. Funding was received for senior outreach and Javoris is planning the event.
- ECH: Larry Dennis
No updates.
- Summer Social and Seminars: Crystal Young
Summer social event was a success. Total cost was \$1898.64. Total budget was \$2030, and we were \$131.36 under budget. 21 people were on sign in sheet, but more came in later. We have 6 remaining prints and if you would like them email crystal. There is a video on YouTube for the event.
Next seminar is on August 19th by Curtis Swisher. Need to do to publicize it. So far there is only 1 registered. The link to register will be moved to the main webpage of the website. We will offer giveaways and raffles for this event. We have blankets, notebooks and pins for raffles.
On September 9th, we have Dr. Carpenter's seminar. We need to contact different local universities and their local student chapters for the seminar. We will also finalize menu and ticket price so we can have a flyer put together. Snigdha will reach out to student chapters and Lisa will reach out to local sections. Dawn will update the paypal link online. Different menu options were the seminar were discussed to finalize the menu and ticket price. We have \$250 mini grant for this seminar event and 600\$ is budgeted between us and Brazos port section. Based on the funds available, the board decided to charge \$15 for nonmembers, \$10 for members and \$5 for students.
- TAG: Carolyn Burnley

No Updates.

- Science Café: Mamie Moy
No updates.

II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

Our focus is for local section awards but there is a sooner date for regional awards. Got all the information from Bill Mayo for last two awards. We have already submitted the Stanley Israel award as it was due August 1. Other awards are due on Sept 1. Mike Reynolds is working on southwest regional awards. Amiee Modic is helping with putting forward regional awards for excellence in high school teaching. For the other two awards Lisa is working on them. There is a new award called partners for progress and prosperity (P3) award. University of St Thomas and Elijah Rising are put forward for the P3 award. St. Jacinto college would be put forward for the next year. St. Thomas student chapter is nominated for salute to excellence award. For local section awards, we will have a specific email blast for awards. We will put together details for the awards dinner. We have couple of national awards coming up as well.

For the ChemLuminary poster, Lisa will put up the poster there and Amber will be present at the poster. We need a fund-raising committee. Write up a volunteer position for fundraising.

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang
No updates
- Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley and Javoris Hollingsworth
This year it was a Good program. We got 5-6 new mentors. New coordinator for project seed is tech savvy. Good response was received for the location.
- AACT Liaison – Amiee Modic
No updates.
- HS Chem Clubs Liaison – Jamie Flint
No updates.
- Scholarship Exam – Tai-Yen
No updates.

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spilker

- CCEW & NCW: Reese Johnson
No updates.
- Outreach: No updates.
- Communications and Technology Committee: Dawn Friesen
We will send out an email blast for the Swisher seminar. Will move the RSVP link to front of the page. We have permission for livestream we will do it via youtube. Dropbox is getting full. It has been emptied off for 2018 stuff. Its online in google drive now. Now dropbox is for 2019 operation. We bought element themed notebooks which we can give out as gifts. Looking for volunteer spotlight for next month. Either Carolyn or Valerie. Carolyn was put forth for volunteer award. Lisa will reach out and put together a small summary for it.

- V. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle
There are no new updates. Snigdha talked about Goal 3 of the strategic planning. Goal 3 was to build a collaboration with other STEM local chapters. We are doing it with ACS Brazos port section. Dawn will reach out to AWS. Fundraising committee can ask for partnerships as well along with sponsorship.
- VI. Membership Committee: Qi Wang
Snigdha talked about the event passport and asked to distribute passports. We have 12 new volunteers.

5. Other Business:

- RICE University has a mass spec workshop and is looking for sponsorship for the workshop. Question was raised if we have sponsored any events locally. The committee suggested that we can help market the event for them.
- Volunteer/ Student Chapter Highlight for September newsletter will be Carolyn.
- Career Fair is on Oct 5 at UST. We may have employers. It is in morning. We need to update the calendar on website to include the career fair. We are looking for sponsorship and employers.
- For the 2019 Fall ACS-GHS Passport Program, a pdf version is online. Board members are encouraged to participate and help spread the word.
- For 2019 Fall ACS-National Meeting, Amber will represent us at the ChemLuminary award. Valerie will replace David.
- On 20th July was strategic planning meeting of Brazos port section and Snigdha attended it.

Meeting concluded at 8:01 pm

Submitted by: Shreya Shah and Snigdha Chennamaneni