

ACS-GHS Board Meeting

02/18/19

06:31 PM to 8:00 PM

University of St Thomas; SHP 251;

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Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Snigdha Chennamaneni
2. Adoption of January 2019 Meeting Minutes - Snigdha Chennamaneni
3. Career Fair - Crystal Young
4. 2019 Budget Review and Approval - Sam Lewis
5. 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 - Kiresha Johnson
 - IV. Community Affairs - Kerry Spilker
 - CCEW & NCW - Kiresha Johnson
 - Kids & Chemistry - Bob Botto
 - Education Rainbow Challenge - Eme Amba
 - Industry Relations - J.C. Kuo
 - High School Outreach-
 - V. Communications & Technology - Dawn Friesen
 - VI. Strategic planning - Amber Hinkle
 - VII. Membership - Qi Wang
6. Any Other Business

ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

February 18th, 2019

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Snigdha Chennamaneni convened the meeting at 06:31 pm.

Attendees:

Blackboard call: Snigdha Chennamaneni, Amber Hinkle, Sam Lewis, Lizzy Pandhi, Carolyn Burnley, Jerry Yang, David Singleton, Sunny Tang, Valerie Lafitte, Javoris Hollingsworth, Kiresha Johnson, Maryanne Mores.

In-person: Crystal Young, Mamie Moy, Lisa Houston, Jennith Powel, J.C. Kuo, Dawn Friesen, Catherine Faler, Kevin Ramirez.

2. Adoption of January 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Lisa made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Dawn seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

3. Career Fair:

Crystal Young invited Jennith Powel, who serves as UST Career Counselor and works with STEM students. Jennith Powel gave an overview about services offered at UST Career Services. GHS team is planning on organizing the 2019 Career Fair in early September on UST campus in collaboration with UST Career Services. Talks in progress.

4. 2019 Budget Review and Approval:

Sam Lewis gave a summary of 2019 budget. Overall income for 2018 was more than expenditure, the section is doing very well. The 2019 budget document is uploaded on ACS GHS Dropbox folder. Sam requested the board to have a look at the 2019 budget document and suggest any amendments to change/ increase budget allotments to individual projects, e.g. PROJECT SEED.

5. Committee Reporting:

1. Programming Committee: Crystal Young

i. Summer Social and Seminars: Crystal Young

February seminar is scheduled for 25th February, 2019 at UST from 6:30 pm. Event details are posted on the GHS website. Crystal Young requested suggestions from the board members if they have any recommendations for locations/ time for future seminars. A dinner seminar is being planned for Dr. Charpentier's Houston visit in September. Crystal Young is planning on applying for Leadership Development Institute Partnership Mini-Grant (\$250), to use towards September seminar event in collaboration with Brazosport Section. Catherine Faler suggested giving out element gifts (as it is IYPT) for seminar speakers, as a token of appreciation

Summer Social: Nothing planned yet. Suggestions are welcome.

ii. Younger Chemists Committee: Kevin Ramirez

YCC organized a Networking Happy event at Spring St. Beer and Wine Garden on January 25th, 2019. Attendance was good, around 15 people participated. Most of the attendees were from UH.

Program in a Box is scheduled at HBU and UST on February 27th February, 2019 at 5:45 pm.

- iii. Women Chemists Committee: Valerie Lafitte
GHS WCC participated in the “Empowering Women in Chemistry: A Global Networking Event” on 12th February, 2019 at UST. Event was very successful, 10 attendees representing industry, academia, graduate and undergraduate students participated in the Women’s networking breakfast event. Valerie Lafitte submitted an application for WCC mini grant to support the Women Breakfast event expenses. Valerie Lafitte is planning on organizing a Speed Networking event in May.
 - iv. Minority Affairs Committee: Javoris Hollingsworth
MAC is planning on partnering with other groups like WCC etc. to organize mentoring events targeting underserved high school students, with an objective to expose them to various Chemistry careers and encourage them to pursue higher education. Requested participation from board. Mamie Moy suggested setting events up at the targeted school or school district, to reach to more students.
 - v. Science Café: Mamie Moy
Science Café on Chemistry and Arts Seminar is scheduled at Houston Museum of Fine Arts (Brown Auditorium) during the Van Gogh exhibit, on March 23rd, 2019 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Event details are uploaded on GHS website. Mamie Moy has invited several ACS neighboring sections to attend the seminar event.
2. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston
Lisa Houston was able to recruit 10 members for awards committee. Awards committee to set up separate canvassing committees for individual awards. Lisa Houston made a motion to provide an honorarium, amount of \$500 to the YCC award, Mamie Moy seconded. Motion was approved by the board. ACS Fellows Award Nominations are due on April 1st, 2019. Lisa Houston made a motion to nominate Amiee Modic and Monte Pettitt as ACS Fellows on behalf of local section, Mamie Moy seconded the motion, and motion was unanimously approved by the board.
 3. Education Committee: Roxie Allen
 - i. Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang
Chemistry Olympiad Exam is scheduled on March 1st, 2019 at University of Houston. 230 students registered for the test. UH Student Affiliates have volunteered to help with the event.
 - ii. Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley and Javoris Hollingsworth
Carolyn submitted mentor requests. For 2019, Project SEED has 12 mentors from PVAM, UH, UTMB and SH. Carolyn will submit a budget for Project SEED.
 4. Community and Chemistry Committee: Kerry Spilker
 - i. CCEW & NCW: Kiresha Johnson
Kiresha Johnson signed up to serve as CCEW coordinator for 2019. Discussions in progress for Earth Day event locations.
 - ii. Kids and Chemistry: Bob Botto
Kids and Chemistry at SJC (Ann Cartwright) has a full year of activities that include Summer Camps, Speaker Series, Earth Day, Space Day and Engineering Day activities, Process Technology and Chemistry Collaboration and STEM Outreach.
Bob Botto is planning volunteer activities with The Texas Children's Hospital and the Children's Museum events during National Chemistry Week this year. The Texas Children's Hospital may request an additional visit during the summer. National Chemistry Week is October 20-26th with the theme "Marvelous Metals".

High School Outreach: Lisa Houston updated that this school year, GHS organized 8 high school events, which were very successful. Several board members participated in the outreach program.

iii. Industry Relations: J.C. Kuo

J.C. Kuo gave an overview of current O&G market situation.

5. Communications and Technology Committee: Dawn Friesen

Dawn Friesen requested the board members to provide information about event details and picture to post on social media. Dawn Friesen has created an archive folder for GHS website, which includes archived updates and older posts for people to view, that page is going to go live in near future.

Lisa Houston proposed to have satellite live stream locations for seminars. Crystal Young requested board members to send her a request on Slack to discuss event locations for future seminars.

6. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

Goal 1. Increase volunteers by 100%, in 3-4 years. Lisa Houston is the lead. Qi Wang gave an update about membership committee: formation of membership committee, preparation of member survey, preparation of a membership hit list, develop a value statement for volunteering.

Goal 2. Continuously improve and increase up to date communications methods. Dawn Friesen is the lead. Dawn Friesen gave an update regarding the plans to increase communication with GHS members.

Goal 3. Leader un communicating to the general public and policy makers the nature and value of Chemistry and related sciences. David Singleton to lead along with Amber Hinkle's help.

7. Membership Committee: Qi Wang

Several ongoing activities have been reported by membership committee as reported in Goal 1 under strategic planning.

6. Other Business:

1. Lupus 5K is scheduled for May 6th, 2019. ACS-GHS has a group.

2. Lisa brought up the discussion about ACS GHS SOP Guidelines. Mamie to update the guidelines, which will be discussed during March EC meeting.

3. J.C. Kuo asked about ACS Councilor attendance at Orlando. Snigdha to send out an email inquiring councilor attendance and request alternate councilor attendance if any replacement is required.

Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm

Submitted by: Snigdha Chennamaneni