

Illinois Sections of ACS State Fair Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2005

Julian 225, 1 pm at Illinois State University

Present: Fran Kravitz, Marsha Phillips, Avrom Litin, Jackie Stewart, Frank Salter, Harsh Bapat, Craig McLauchlan, Milt Levenberg, Mary H LeFaivre

Meeting came to order ~ 1:05 pm

Discussion of storage locker. Lock was broken on storage locker. Didn't seem that anything was taken. Back side, no gate or anything, so several lockers over there were broken in to. new lock purchased by Harsh and put on there. new one is Master lock -- 3709 key code. Keepers of keys now HB and FS. FS may try to get some copies made.

Space, contract, other info – FK received contract. Signed and got check from treasurer and it was sent. Price is same as last year (\$1400). Ignorance or FK's kind voice? It doesn't really matter. Cheryl requested insurance certificate from ACS. FK asked Fair for 180 (120 min) tickets and 50 parking permits. Also informed that we are doing demos every hour – for inclusion in book. No response yet. Guy probably overwhelmed.

FK -Tent rented along with 5(?) tables and some chairs. Same company as last year— Party Creations (217-546-6444, Bill's cell 217-652-0061, tent manager Brett's cell 217-652-6446). Grateful for our repeat business so same price. (\$935.75) Asked about floor, too. He said most do indoor/outdoor carpeting but he said not to rent from him. Look for a 20 x 20 in Springfield for cheap and throw it out at end of fair. He's still looking for Air conditioning. AL asked that we make sure the dimensions are the same as last year for purposes of the banner frame. AL will call to personally check. A/C questioning. How it works? Will it function? Party creations guy will look around. HB has one at home and says it really depends on where it is. FK has circular for an industrial fan (attests to it's quietness). For \$30. ML has one for box fans at \$15ish. Industrial probably better. Cheaper than our \$300 for them to rent. HB says there has been a lot of explosion of development near the Fairgrounds and so maybe don't need to transport them all. FS asked about tent set-up on Wed again? FK says Tent set-up will be on the 10th (that is Wed again). Only thing that has changed is the name of the guy to call if the tent falls over.

Volunteer T-shirts. FK would like to place an order, but would like to know how many to order. Do it through a charity. ML mentioned the Chicago shirt guy (Richard) again and it is lower quality than those we had last time. Had 55 volunteers last year and gave them as prizes, so how many? Not recorded in afterthought document. Check what the price break is? Can use them from year to year, perhaps. Last year had XL and some XXL. T-shirts price break? Get 12 XXL and the rest XL. FK will place that order next week. If need more? FK says they had said ~1 week turnaround if NEED it. Same design as last year. Screen printed by this place, not ironed. Ironed was strong effort, but continuous washing and wearing breaks down.

Volunteer website scheduling – ML says most of our stuff is on ACS website. But interactive part is on server that ML pays for out of own pocket. A while ago said were moving hardware server. Reason ended up being that company was sold. So most of our interactive parts were broken for a while. ML had to fix everything over the course of a week or so. Have had problems, but seem fixed now. We should all log in and book some times. MP got another volunteer. Harry Elston – willing to donate money, poster, materials, etc. CM will e-mail him about signing up, etc. We are behind where we were last year. But not too much. A rough schedule of when the committee folks will be there was taken. Keep beating the bushes.

Promo/Raffle materials – MP says our moles have arrived. 1000 bags were ordered (paying for 900). we got shorted 10% last year. getting 100 for that. getting 100 for no discount last year. manufacturer shorted. another 100 for that. 1300 bags total \$401.20 for bags and \$90.00 moles. Pencils are in -- Got 1008 from Office Max – same price and discount. JChemEd stuff ordered. (~\$100) Hasn't been packed. Lot of boxes and bags. Thrilled we're giving stuff to teachers. NCW Chemistry, Chem Matters also coming. ~30 boxes. All being shipped to Springfield. Also getting Chemical Health and Safety – 50 copies of chemical health and safety; inspection manual; safety in academic labs 20 of each volume, 350 of read the label, 350 of safety for teachers, both ages, Harry Elston will bring some other things. CDs – all 7 of “Chemistry Comes Alive!” or only 2? If get 2 it is \$75 each or \$375 for all 7. HB's dept chair is contributor. Maybe he can give it to us? HB will check. Book “chemical adventures of Sherlock Holmes” is \$19.99. Download and laminate some things in folders. Harder to steal. Prentice Hall still to be sought for periodic tables and mini periodic tables. Same questionnaire as last year? Just adding the occupation section and some area for comments. Will make 1000 (412 recorded, last year)

Posters/items for display boards – Cherlyn wants us to know that Ken Fibizani (Nalco) will do a chemical safety poster. Pharmaceutical chemist does ... picture of Alison Aldrich (Abbott Labs) and she'll do it. (ML must take her picture on Friday) MP has someone doing something on safety -- Elston. McCrone (microscopy and spectroscopy) will do a poster. Mark Sessa maybe from BP? One of Chicago's Women and Chemistry ones. Blixtex? Connie a contact there. 1000s of blistex packets to hand out? Some money? Teachers to do posters? trying to mix it up for diversity. Chemistry is not one face. List of 60 women and minority chemists on JChemEd. But we would prefer local folks. MP downloaded CLIPs of 5 compounds people know and perhaps laminate and post and put pictures of what they are. (graphite, canola oil, citric acid, water, sodium hydroxide) on board. Some “What's that Stuff?” downloads. Laminating orders must be submitted to FK by 15JUL or else they will have to be outsourced. Donor board of posters – CM will check if ISU can do this. ML sent logos last year. FK will look for old file. Kinkos was expensive. How about plastic for CLIPs? Or Super-Absorbant polymers?

Tent Furnishings --- John who built the boards has yellow paint. We needn't buy any. AL will call tent company to check the dimensions. He'll install it on Thursday. Have a

pipe wrench (or two!!) to take it apart. Blue stuff for top of tables is fine and on hand. Cloth table skirts and one for front. table dimensions? can we get that from HB or FS out of the locker. Carpet for floor? How to dispose? Cut it up when small? we'll look on Wed or Thurs. HB and FS will try on Wed.

Demos/Hands-on activities – FS thinks we are set based on last time. FS remembers his task to make plexiglass stand. Not thorough enough instructions last year – will do better. 1 or 2 pages full of take home demos geared for smaller kids. JS talked about demo – slime race with 3 kinds. (see past minutes). Go with popular thing, but variations. Recipe and conditions changed last year. Jim and Otis days? CM will encourage them. Ammonia and vinegar indicator as demo and a hands-on so can see it and do it themselves. Bold step-by-step of instructions.

break at 2:40 pm

AV activities – ML has nothing new to show for CD. Lots of room for pictures. Update the website to be more THIS year – details of this year. Computer gear from last year is in ML's hands. Not as much redundancy – just a drive, not a whole computer. Chong has promised monitor, so we're counting on that. Hopefully not last minute as FK can't lift then. Will use DVD on there of demos. Chem quiz? Beads that change color? String them. Give out as a prize. Any UV sensitive cards from National available? Or the little sunburn stickers for kids? Flip cards for right/wrong answer. Questions for quiz – more interactive. Perhaps in hands-on area, too. Gather chemistry questions that are appropriate.

Publicity – Cherlyn sent invitations to all local section folks asking to join us here or in tent. FK sent solicitations, too. Honeywell (Russ) going to try to help with \$ there. Wrigley gum corporate director – FK will ask for \$. Ovulation pharma will be asked for \$. Waste Management and BFI addresses from MP for FK. Vicki e-mail from a while back to Yahoo groups account about Dick Durbin, etc. Put Fair in Local Section Annual Reports.

Advertising—MP -white boards at each entrance to Fair – can't do that. At front of tent advertise times of activities, demos. Sign for teachers. How many did we miss? Vicki said we have one white board. We'll be in the Fair book, hopefully.

Storage – big item is the break-in! See above. ML found a new place. Mini-warehouse of Springfield is a 3 minute walk from Fair. Across from gate 6 on Taintor (909 Taintor Rd). The one he saw from his campground. \$30/month. If rent for a year, pay for 10 months, get 12. \$300/year. Start August 1? or July 1? 8 am to 8 pm open. guy lives on property. 5' x 10'. For \$200 more can get 10' x 10'. Give away extra stuff. Stick with 5 x 10. HB will check it out – maybe pick a place. Contact Patrick at 217-522-7660 (he's accessible 9-4 M-F). Guy says he has some palettes, now. Our old storage locker – unclear when contract ends. We want to clear it out on Thursday before Fair to get it ALL out. 5 other choices farther away if this one doesn't work.

Budget – Any donations by private folks are recognized and recognized on web site, poster, CD. HB will contact 2 analytical labs and ask them. HB wrote grant and got \$2000. East IL section will send \$500-1000 there. Chicago will give \$800 this year. March on to get money. Ran some numbers (see attached budget). Money to buy all 7 CDs if HB can't get them. MP will wait to hear from HB before ordering, but agree to buy 7 as we seem to have enough. ML will thank Abbott for past donations and say we will ask in future, but don't need it this year. AL will buy some tools for assembly, too.

Other Old Business we've talked about it all

Action Items

Bring in 2 questions and answers for chem quizzes.

Please revisit JChem Ed site to see which ones are interesting – email them to MP
HB – checking out storage facility, talking to chair about CDs, thinking about where floor covering/plexiglass can be bought.

CM – send advertisement again. contact JW/OR., email Elston. check with ISU about poster board

CZ – monitor

MP – wait to hear from HB, then order stuff; download the 6 she liked from JChemEd for laminating; contact Prentice Hall.

FK – teacher sheets, questionnaire, tshirts, skirts, look for donor file

FS – plexiglass demo

ML -taking picture on Friday, UPDATING web page, checking with contacts at UIUC
MaryL- email CM with info for Vera Mainz + Karen Harlan, email maps of CW to ML and FK,

AL – contacting tent company, finishing frame, producing CDs, buy some tools for frame

JS – getting supplies from Flinn and getting demos together

Next meeting date -- no great times. How about July 23rd. At ISU. 1 pm. JH 225.

Adjourned at 3:55