

The Dialog

November 2005

SOSAAPT Minutes from the Fall Meeting

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Mt. St. Joseph College; guests of Prof. Mark Fischer

Executive Meeting:

President Elizabeth George presided

Treasurer's Report – Proxy: \$3302.92 & as of 9/30/05 an outstanding deposit of \$680 for a total of \$3982.92 Request that Pat Shields maintain a Mailing List for SOSAAPT and backup to an electronic medium.

Gordon Albrecht will continue dialogue with Ohio U about the **fall 2006 joint meeting**.

Spring of 2006 has also fallen through the cracks. Beverly A.P. Taylor at Miami U.

(Hamilton & Oxford) will investigate potential hosting for Spring 2006.

(March 31 not March 11.)

Nominations for President Elect: Frank Huss was nominated, seconded.

Science Days: May 6 @ Ohio State.

Business Meeting: (1:10 p.m.)

President Elizabeth George presided.

Election of Frank Huss President Elect.

Report @ Section: Gordon reported that AAPT considered a single meeting a year as a model which was voted down. A single national meeting during the summer was rejected.

State Science Day is May 6 @ O.S.U. Need judges. Contact Gordon. A.P.S. supplies the prizes, we supply the judges.

District Science Fair is at U.C. March 11. Again judges are needed. (It is a terrific time!) Contact Jim Sullivan www.uc.edu/science fair

SOSAAPT needs hosts for future meetings.

Open dates include Spring & Fall 2007, Spring & Fall 2008

Frank Huss announced that the Observatory hosts seven days of Mars observation Nov 5 – 12.

Steve Yerian announced that Xavier U has open house for Mars observation Oct. 27

President George requests that we do a mailing to the local high schools.

Next Executive meeting is at Wittenberg University, Bill Dohlhoff hosts.

Expressions of gratitude to Mark Fisher host of the meeting, for a very comfortable and informative meeting.

Motion for adjournment and second.

Respectfully

Fred Reuter, secretary

List of Officers & Terms of Office:

Elizabeth George: President until spring 2006

Bill Kuhlman: Past President until spring 2006

Frank Huss President Elect until spring 2006

Mark Fischer: V.P. for 4 year Colleges until 2008

Fred Reuter: Recording Secretary until spring 2006

Pat Shields: Treasurer until spring 2006

Steven Yerian: Section Rep to National AAPT until spring 2007

Darwin Church V.P. for 2 year Colleges until spring 2006

Julie Haverkos V.P. for High Schools until spring 2007

Gordon Aubrecht At Large Indeterminate term

Jim Sullivan At Large Indeterminate term

Cindy Parrott Dialog editor & Publisher Indeterminate term

Fall Meeting at Mt. St. Joseph

On Saturday, 29 October 2005, the College of Mount St. Joseph hosted the Fall Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers -- Southern Ohio Section. By all accounts, the meeting was a success. Twenty-two physics students, teachers, professors, and researchers enjoyed a day of contributed presentations on current research and best teaching practices culminating in the invited lecture, *String Theory: A Path to Quantum Gravity*, by Dr. Philip Argyres from the University of Cincinnati, Particle Physics Theory Group. Attendees and presenters came from Ohio State University, Wittenberg University, Xavier University, Thomas More College, Miami University, and University of Cincinnati as well as St. Xavier, Celina, and Piqua High Schools. Participants spanned all career stages including students from the Thomas More Math/Physics Club through retired teachers and professors.

The program was as follows:

Contributed Papers:

Using VideoPoint to do Real Physics-or-How to Make Friends with a Mycologist
Dr. Mark Fischer, College of Mount St. Joseph

Student Perceptions of an Introductory Laboratory Course: Baseline Data
Dr. Jennifer Blue, Miami University

Formative Evaluation of Labs: A Perennial Problem
Dr. Gordon Aubrecht, The Ohio State University

An Example of Formative Assessment in Physics by Inquiry and Other Lab Courses
Dr. Gordon Aubrecht, The Ohio State University

An Introduction To Digital Physics Textbooks from Kinetic Physics
Dr. Bernie Franks, Butler Tech and College of Mount St. Joseph

How I Do It: Introducing Gravitational Potential Energy
Dr. Beverley Taylor, Miami University, Hamilton

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Checks for membership can be made out to the SOS/AAPT and sent to the address at the left. Please ask teaching colleagues and valued friends to consider becoming a part of our organization. New members are always welcome and needed.

The executive board of SOS/AAPT are looking for volunteers to serve as at large members of the board. If interested please contact any of the officers list on page one.