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Minutes of the Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting Bridgewater Marriott, Bridgewater, NJ October 24, 2007

The 371st general membership meeting of the Society of Flavor Chemists, Inc. was held at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, NJ, and was called to order by President Joan Harvey at **2:15 PM**.

1. This was an informative and discussion meeting only:

- There was no quorum for voting to take place (26 members present).
- There were no proposals requiring a vote anyway.

2. Treasurer's Report: *Steve Ruocco*

- The current Treasurer's Report was presented and is attached (Attachment A):

Opening balance: Checking Account	\$ 20,349.51
Savings Account	<u>\$ 6,761.00</u>
	\$ 27,110.51
Total Income	\$ 5,016.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 12,438.74</u>
Closing Balance:	\$ 19,688.44

3. Secretary's Report: *Jack Fastag*, not in attendance.

- No report.

4. Vice President Report: *Ken Kraut*

- No report.

5. Chairperson's Report: *Mariano Gascon*, not in attendance.

- No report.

6. President's Report: *Joan Harvey*

- No report.

7. Committee Reports:

7.1. Arrangements Committee: *Hedy Kulka*

- FEMA committee meetings referenced the presence of the flavorist and asked for our input at several meetings.
- We had over 30 SFC members registered at the FEMA meeting, 4 of them non-FEMA members, and 5 members came in just for the SFC general meeting.

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- Questions came up about the cost of the meeting (differences were stated in the quality of the program for the cost on both sides).
 - Suggested that FEMA pay for first-time attendees next time, since they are using this joint event as a membership drive.
 - Our meeting ran against the FRAC meeting, which was not good.
 - Need to try to have the Board and General sessions on the same day.
- 7.2. Audit Committee: *Dieter Bauer*, not in attendance.
- No report.
- 7.3. By-laws Committee: *Eileen Brady*, not in attendance.
- No report.
- 7.4. Employment Committee: *Eugene Buday*, not in attendance.
- No report.
- 7.5. History Committee: *Dolf DeRovira* and *Ronnie McBurnie*
- No report.
- 7.6. Library Committee: *Al Goossens*
- Composed thank-you letter for library donations.
 - 150 new books received.
 - Beginning January 1, 2008, all books will be logged in at the Monell library system.
 - All books to be used on-site, although we might look into signing them out – Alfred to manage the written requests and recipient will be responsible for shipping charges.
 - All valuable books will be kept under lock and key.
 - Need to design a sticker for the internal flap of each book, which must include the SFC logo and “donated by” line. We are hoping our members can submit a design for a committee decision; this would be a contest for valuable prize. Please submit your ideas by January 2008 to Alfred Goossens.
- 7.7. Membership Committee: *Mike Bloom*
- No candidates were presented to the SFC membership for a vote.
 - Presented the idea of a more formal testing procedure. Discussion was very lively, with mixed reception:
 - Proposed a written test, with a random collection of questions for all candidates, a longer review period, and no voting on the day of the interview.
 - All 2008 testing will be on hold until the new process is approved.
 - Concern about testing of all Certified applicants: some applicants are approved at Apprentice level if they are a strong candidate; this is not being communicated very well, the perception is that upgrades are given out depending on who you know (“rubber stamp”).
 - Corporate issues with applicants getting certificates before completion of training.
 - Sponsors need to understand how important their recommendations are. Discussion on how the candidates are presented at meetings and how corporate restrictions might apply for the general interviews.
- 7.8. Media Communication Committee: *Mary Foster*, not in attendance.
- No report.

7.9. Program Committee:

a) East Coast: *Aaron Graham*

- Next meeting will take place on November 29th, at the Newark Holiday Inn. Janet Scales will conduct a TTB training session. Chuck Manly will be the after-dinner speaker.
- February meeting potentially with American Society of Perfumers.

b) Midwest: *Sam Tharpe*

- Meeting is set up for April 17th at the Cincinnati Marriott. Looking to have topics about fragrance of/in foods (e.g. lavender).

c) Chicago: *Menzie Tabora*, not in attendance.

- Successful meeting. Program included “Intellectual Property” by William Hallihan, “Flavors in Your Life” by Dr. Alan Hirsch, and Marco Marsan.

d) West Coast: *Philip Barone*

- Meeting will be held in March 2008, at the Hyatt Regency, Garden Grove, CA, in conjunction with NAFFS and CSA.

e) IFT Breakfast:

- Meeting will be held July 1, 2008, in New Orleans.

7.10. Symposium Committee: *Mike Fasano* and *Phil Parisi*, not in attendance.

- No report.

7.11. Website Committee: *Jack Fastag*, not in attendance.

- No report.

8. Unfinished Business:

- None.

9. New Business:

- None.

President Joan Harvey adjourned the meeting at **3:15 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Fastag, SFC Secretary 2006-2008

ATTACHMENT A
TREASURER'S REPORT
10/23/07

OPENING BALANCE - 10/23/07

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$20,349.51	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 6,761.00</u>	\$27,110.51

INCOME

SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 1.67	
DUES	\$ 600.00	
MEETING RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 4,415.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 5,016.67

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 6,437.68	
9/20/07 MEETING EXPENSES	\$ 6,001.06	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 12,438.74

CLOSING BALANCE - 11/06/07

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$12,925.77	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 6,762.67	
		\$19,688.44
RECONCILED		\$19,688.44

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY STEVE RUOCCO, TREASURER-SFC 10/23/07