

ACS South Plains Section Meeting Minutes for Tuesday September 12, 2023. 6:00 pm. Zoom hosted by Amy Tackitt

In attendance:

Paul Shuey

John Gorden

Matt Ryan

Amy Tackitt

Laci Alexander

John reported that he received some suggestions for the “tailgate” event including: if we do not serve alcohol, it will make things simpler and more family/high school student friendly and we will get more support from the university; we might not want to call it a tailgate but instead a chemistry carnival (CC); the student ACS affiliate is supportive and willing to do some demos/activities (liquid N₂); the chemistry department head and dean may support the event.

John mentioned that he would be willing to do some “exciting” demos (including thermite) and would investigate the issues such as contacting the fire department.

Matt mentioned that his students would be willing to do some “safer” demos such as the milk of magnesia/acetic acid.

Carnival games?

If we have some carnival games, we could give away prizes such as tickets to future Tech football or basketball games.

Parking will be a challenge. Food/catering issues are pending. Tables, chairs, sound system, building access to be determined.

Paul asked about documenting the event and John mentioned that there may be a photographer available.

Do we need a liability release form for participants?

Baking contest?

John has a meeting in the next few days that should be helpful in planning the event.

Amy will be hosting a Zoom Meeting on Thursday, September 21 to discuss the progress and plans for CC.