Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report
2009-2010
Manhattan Sigma Tau

A. Initiation

On September 21, 2009, the Manhattan Sigma Tau chapter of Pi Tau Sigma initiated new members for the first time in over a year. To be selected for the Manhattan Sigma Tau chapter, one must demonstrate sound engineering ability, scholarship, personality, and future success in Mechanical Engineering. The top 25 percent of juniors and 35 percent of seniors in the Mechanical Engineering curriculum at Manhattan College were given this honor. They had shown integrity, service, and leadership throughout their first two years in college. The initiation took place as a private ceremony. Because the Manhattan Sigma Tau chapter did not exist the year before, the faculty advisor conducted the initiation. This included a background of Pi Tau Sigma, why we were chosen to be a part of this great society, and what our tasks were to keep up with the traditions. Every new member had to respond by accepting these ideas and to work on improving Pi Tau Sigma. The second initiation took place on March 24, 2010 which followed the same ritual as the first initiation. The only difference was that the elected members from the previous initiation conducted the ceremony. About a week after the ceremony, the member cards and certificates were distributed to the members.

B. Chapter Activities

Throughout the course of the year, there were a handful of meetings to discuss the rebuilding of the Manhattan Sigma Tau chapter. There was not much money left in the account so a fundraiser had to be established. The fundraiser thrown was a bake sale. This was successful in getting the honor society back on the right foot. Also, a key activity in the honor society was tutoring. Every member listed multiple courses that they were strong in and times they would be available to help other students. This was to provide the best possible tutoring for any given subject. The names and email address of every member were listed in the Mechanical Engineering department along with their strong subjects. This was to provide easy contact for anyone who was looking for help in a certain course. Most of the meetings focused on the revival of the honor society. It is going to take a few years, but with hard work it will get to where it needs to be, and this is a great start. New ideas on how to raise money, as well as new ideas on how to play a part in the community, were discussed and will continue to be discussed in the upcoming year.

C. Other

Nothing to report this year.