

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society
February 2012 Meeting at Sunnybrook Preserve

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Russ Swaney

Officers Report:

Secretary: Roseanne Radgowski January minutes were approved and are available on the web site.

Treasurer: Steve Fishman

Bank Balance \$ \$7391.54

Marty Fund \$2,637.00

Petty Cash \$ 28.00

Total \$10,056.54

Expenses: 54.42 Phone bill

33.68 Electric bill

Steve presented a proposal with a power point presentation. He offered 3 different suggestions for the money in the treasury.

- 1) Keep it in the bank at .05% Yield \$2.50 a year
- 2) Invest in a CD yielding about \$50 a year
- 3) Invest in DLTNX Mutual fund at 7% yielding \$375.00 a year.

Steve also offered to absorb any loss should the mutual fund lose money, however he expressed the belief that this was unlikely.

The members present discussed these options as well as using the money for repairs at Indian Hill. Russ asked Ken Fisher, Observatory Director, to make a list of needs and suggested that discussion be tabled until next meeting as we gather more information. Some club members suggested that we asphalt the parking lot, or buy more land.

Observatory Directory

Ken Fisher agreed to make a list of needed repairs and bring to next months meeting.

Editor:

Ron Baker mentioned that anyone who would like to submit articles for the Spring edition of the Valley Skywatcher need to get them to him by the middle of March. He again encouraged anyone who has had a recent observation to send him a paragraph or a photograph to share.

Director of Observations.

Bob Modic did not make the meeting. His monthly sky calendar can be found at <http://rjmastro.net/skycal.html> .

Visitors:

We had two visitors. Alan from Beechwood who would like to get involved in Astronomy again and Chris from Willowick who is interested in learning more.

Star Parties: Lake Metorparcs would like to have a star party at their Environmental Center on 3/24 as a fundraiser. The Geauga Parks would like to have a 48 hour notice star party at the Rookery in February on either a Fri or Sat night weather permitting. Discussion was held about having a Messier Marathon March 16, 17 or 18th. Russ mentioned that there is a comet that will be visible near M92 in Hercules. He mentioned that there are about five comets currently with less than magnitude 11. Jack Smith mentioned that he is thinking of having a star party for the Amish to watch the transit of Venus in June. He asked about possibly purchasing solar glasses for this event.

Old Business

Dan reported that he had the 6" mirror recoated for about \$60. A motion was made and voted on to repay him for the cost.

New Business:

Larry suggested that the club talk with Shirley about purchasing a small triangle of land that we are currently using. This would make the width of the property consistent for the whole length. It was suggested that he offer her \$500 as it is about 1/10 of an acre.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20. and was followed by a presentation on the Moon by Rob Bickers.