

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society
January 2012 Meeting at Sunnybrook Preserve

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

Officers Report:

President: Russ Swaney reported that the Christmas Party at Observatory Park went well and a good time was had by all. December minutes are on the website.

Treasurer: Steve Fishman

Bank Balance \$ \$7012.53
Marty Fund \$2999.00
Petty Cash \$ 00.00
Total \$10,011.53

Steve asked for discussion about whether the club would like to invest this money or use it for projects at Indian Hill.

Observatory Directory

Ken Fisher reported that the repair to the motor drive on the 16 inch will be about \$350.

Editor:

Ron Baker reported that the Winter edition of the Valley Skywatcher is available on the Web. He had a few printed copies available with him. He thanked those who contributed in particular Aaron Worley, David Mihalic and Sam Bennici who contribute pictures. He also drew attention to a new section of the newsletter called Observers Log. He reminded club members to send just a paragraph or two about a recent observation that they might like to share. In addition he thanked Dan Rothstein for his Constellation Quiz.

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 one visitor, Thomas Gorka?, grandson of a club member.

Star Parties: Lake Metorparcs would like to have a star party at their Environmental Center on either 3/23 or 3/24 as a fundraiser. Observatory Park would like to schedule a star party in late May and late June. Their Grand Opening will be 6/16 our presence is requested.

No Old Business

Steve Kainic led a discussion on the future of Indian Hill and asked club members to think about what they would like to see. He took suggestions from various members. He suggested a committee be formed to consider options and costs. He will send out an

email to members asking for their opinions. Suggestions at the meeting included, making the 16" easier to use, building a second observatory with a roll off roof so that club members could leave their scopes there, improving the parking area to make it more accessible all year, buying more land from Shirley as some of the land we use currently use belongs to her. Russ suggested we re-tube the 16" with truss tubes so that it is less affected by the wind.

New Business:

Larry suggested that a list of members be added to the members page on the website, he also reported that photos of Marty will be given to his wife.

Dan reported that he had obtained parts of a telescope that was currently sitting in his apartment and that he would need about \$50 to recoat the mirror. He requested the club allocate money for this so the scope could be finished and used by the club.

Ian reported that Observatory Park was working on the design of a solar scope and a ladder for the main scope.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15. and was followed by a presentation on Meteorites by Steve Kainic.