

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

May 5, 2012 Meeting at Indian Hill

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 by President Russ Swaney

24 members were in attendance.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: Roseanne Radgowski Minutes are available on the web site. Let me know if any corrections are needed.

Treasurer: Steve Fishman

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| Bank Balance | 7,538.21 | Expenses | 54.52 | Phone bill |
| Marty Fund | 2,637.00 | | 34.49 | Electric |
| Petty Cash | 63.00 | | | \$362 to Ken for the Centroid board |
| Total | 10,238.21 | | | |

Observatory Directory

Ken Fisher reports that everything is working and he is in maintenance mode. The front of the shed will need to be repaired, a Saturday volunteer session will be needed to get the work done.

Editor:

Ron Baker was not present.

Director of Observations.

Bob Modic did not make the meeting. His monthly sky calendar can be found at <http://rjmastro.net/skycal.html> . Russ mentioned that there will be a partial solar eclipse May 20 best observed in the southwestern US. He also reminded members of the transit of Venus on June 5th.

Visitors:

Phil Piszczak, and two naturalists from Geauga Parks, Wayne Kriynovich and Chris Mentrek.

Star Parties: The star party at Riverside Cemetery went well with about 25 people in attendance, Chuck Story and Roseanne Radgowski represented the club. Roseanne mentioned that it would be good to know in advance who will be attending the Star Parties each month so that we are sure we are fulfilling the commitments we have agreed to. Marty Mullet and Mike Prochaska volunteered to attend the May Star Parties.

- May 19th Star Party at Girdled Rd, entrance off of Radcliff from 9-10:30
- May 25th Star Party Observatory Park 9-11.
- June 15th Donor recognition star party at Observatory Park
- June 16th Observatory Park Grand Opening 7-12.

Old Business

Suggestions will be posted on the Web for possible meeting sites for our winter meetings. Club members are invited to comment on these options. Discussion was continued about

Steve Kainic's suggestion that instead of meeting on the first Saturday of the month we plan the meetings for nights closer to the new moon so that observing can be done after the meeting.

Larry again mentioned his belief that this would be a good time to buy more land from Shirley, due to the possibility that it could be developed at a future date and impact our ability to observe. Nothing was decided.

New business

Dan Rothstein reports that CEI has added several sodium lights? at their nearby substation that will likely affect our observing at the hill.

We will be hosting our annual OTAA picnic on June 16th at 6:30, Russ and Steve will bring condiments, paper plates etc. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

Afterwards we will attend the Grand Opening of Observatory Park * 7-8 PM Opening Ceremonies * 8-10:30 PM Family Activities * 9-10 p.m. Concert * 10:30-Midnite Stargazing.

The transit of Venus was discussed with Orchard Hills Park or Lakefront Lodge as possible sites for observing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 20 and was followed by observing Mars, Saturn and the so called "Supermoon". aka the Perigee-Syzygy of the Earth-Moon-Sun system.