

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

November 3rd, 2012. Meeting at Geauga Park Districts Observatory Park.
Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Russ Swaney

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Roseanne Radgowski. Roseanne was not present. Russ stated that the minutes are available on the web site and asked if anyone finds any needed additions or corrections lets him know.

Treasurer: Steve Fishman

Bank Balance: 6,618.73

Marty Fund 2,687.00

Petty Cash 16.00

Total 9321.73

Expenses:

54.91 Phone bill

34.40 Electric

116.22 Paid to Ken Fisher for Paint, Gas, Kerosene, etc.

Observatory Directory: Ken Fisher: Things at the Hill are in good shape, everything weathered the recent bad weather OK. But now the ground is very soft, so please don't drive on grass areas.

Marked off a proposed area where a deck will go to house the new 18" telescope donated by Ian. Gus Saikely looked into the zoning of this project with Geauga County. A permit will be needed for the deck and a variance is also needed since it will be within 15ft of the property line. Plans are to break ground on this project this spring.

Editor: Ron Baker: Ron not present. Russ had copies of past issues of the Valley Sky Watcher. Russ passed along Ron's request that if anyone has any material for the next issue to please send it to him.

Director of Observations: Bob Modic: Bob was not present. His monthly sky calendar can be found at <http://rjmastro.net/skycal.html> . Copies were handed out to those present.

Upcoming Star Parties:

When Fri, November 9, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Where Lake Metroparks' Girdled Road Reservation ([map](#))

Description Public star party at the Lake Metroparks' Girdled Road Reservation. Set-up time is 7:00 pm. The program runs from 7:30-9:00 pm.

When Fri, November 16, 7pm – 9pm

Where Riverside Cemetery in Painesville ([map](#))

Description Public star party at the Riverside Cemetery in Painesville. Set-up time is 6:30 pm. The program runs from 7:00-9:00 pm.

New Business:

CVAS Christmas Party - CVAS annual Christmas party will take place on December 1st at Observatory park. We will also hold our monthly business meeting there on that date as well. Start time is 6PM. This probably will follow past formats where: CVAS will provide a main dish, members are asked to bring a side dish/desert, etc. BYOB. Details will be sent out.

Election of 2013 CVAS officers All offices were uncontested.

President - Gus Saikaly

VP - Marty Mullet

Director of Observations - Bob Modic

Secretary - Roseanne Radgowski

Observatory Director - Ken Fisher

Editor – Ron Baker

Historian – Dan Rothstein

Treasurer - Steve Fishman

Guest Speakers:

Tom Curtin, Executive Director of the Geauga County Parks. Talked about the Park's district levy that is on the ballot and ask for the support of it. Passing it will actually decrease the current tax amount people pay now going to the parks. Also talked about Nassau Station, plans are to raise funds in the coming year and to possibly open it in 2014.

Matthew Dolloff, Project Lead Engineer with NASA's Electrical Power Systems.

Matt discussed Radioisotope Power Systems and how they are enabling our exploration of the solar system. He talked about and showed some videos and pictures from past missions using this type of power. Also talked about the next generation of these power systems and the advantages and disadvantages of this system.