

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society
Meeting Minutes of January 4th, 2014
Geauga Parks District Sunnybrook Preserve

Call to Order

President Gus Saikaly opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Secretary's Report

No minutes from December meeting – our Christmas Party

Treasurer's Report

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$4966.62
Marty Niemi Fund	\$4187.00
John Gorka Fund	\$100.00
North Observatory Fund	\$625.00
Total:	\$9895.62

Expenses for the month:

Phone	\$55.77
Electric	\$41.96

Observatory Director

Ken Fisher reporting:

- The Hill is “snowed in” (at least a foot in the drive)
- Project plans for this spring/summer:
 - Construct deck for 18” scope
 - Finish parking lot (clear level)
 - North Observatory Automation

Vice President

Marty Mullet reporting:

- Received letter from Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court; Ohio Attorney explaining AIG settlement and the availability of \$2.5MM in funds to be distributed to 501c3 organizations (CVAS is a 501c3). We will a grant application through the Ohio Attorney General's Office describing the projects and improvements to Indian Hill ranging in the \$10 to \$40K range.
- Discussed with Geauga Parks Observatory Park a plant to build 50 “kits” that will convert “inexpensive” 50/60 mm refractors to Solar Telescopes. Estimated cost is \$30. Also exploring Ohio Space grantconsortium to make these available to Geauga County Schools

Editor

Ron Baker reporting:

- The Winter 2014 (51-1) of the Valley Skywatcher is now available on the Website (printed copies were also available at the meeting)
- Ron thanked all the contributors and reminded everyone to please consider submitting a article or observation for the next issue.

New Business

Election of Officers:

- President – Gus Saikely
- Vice President – Marty Mullet
- Treasure – Steve Fishman
- Observatory Director – Ken Fisher
- Director of Observation – Mike Hambrecht
- Historian – Dan Rothstein
- Secretary – Russ Swaney

Observatory Park:

Naturalist Chris Mentrek asked if we could provide assistance with:

- A “New Telescope Clinic” in April
- Help with Start Parties – Mike Hambrecht to coordinate

New Members:

CVAS welcomes Brian Novogurski and Jim Deasey

Gus Saikely adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Next meeting is February 1st. at Sunnybrook Preserve.