

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for April 6th 2019

Observatory Park



Call to order:

Vice President Ian Cooper opened the meeting at 7:30pm with 18 members and 2 guests present.

Secretary's Report:

The March minutes were not complete at meeting time. They will be posted soon, and approved next month.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$4126.72
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$12.00
Total	\$11,050.72

Expenses for the month:

Electric	72.91
Phone	20.00
Total	\$ 92.91

We have received \$250.00 from the Chagrin Falls Jaycees.

Observatory Director's Report:

Sam Bennici is working on an inventory of all equipment. Please email inventory of any CVAS equipment to him at sbbennici@yahoo.com.

Observations Director's Report:

Gus Saikaly presented the Monthly Sky Calendar. It has been posted on the members page and the E-mail sent out.

Editor:

Chris Powell reported that the spring edition of Valley SkyWatcher will be published May 24th. The deadline for article submissions is May 6th.

Old Business:

Marty gave an update on the land acquisition project for Indian Hill. Options on donation, price, and land contract are being explored.

New Business:

Mayfield Library will have a 50th moon landing event on July 20th.

Ian mentioned the Chagrin Valley Art by the Falls 2 day event. (The fee has been waived)

The International Dark Sky Assoc. (IDA) held their most recent meeting at Observatory Park. They have offered to help with any "Dark Sky" presentations we deliver.

Steve mentioned the Mayfield Hts. HS students needed assistance with the Math Olympiad. Russ was able to furnish materials.

Events:

- Friday, May 10 – 8:30-10:00 pm – Painesville Township Park
- Saturday May 18th 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm CVAS Night at Nassau Station.
- Friday, June 7 – 8:30-10:00 pm – Girdled Road Reservation
- Saturday June 15th 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm CVAS Night at Nassau Station.
- Saturday June 29th CVAS OTAA Event
- Saturday, July 20th 50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.
- Saturday July 20th 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm CVAS Night at Nassau Station.
- Saturday, August 10 – 8-12:00 am – Super Star Party. Penitentiary Glen Reservation
- Friday, November 1 – Time TBD - Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Next Monthly meeting:

Will be held May 4th at Indian Hill. (Weather Permitting)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

Presentation:

John Augustine presented information on the proper cleaning of optics.