

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for November 3rd 2018

Observatory Park



Presentation:

Jodi and Roy McCullough delivered the second half of their presentation “How Do We Know”.

Call to order:

President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 8:00 with 16 members, and 4 guests.

Observations Director’s Report:

Marty presented the Monthly Sky Calendar prepared by Steve Kainec. It has been posted on the member forum, and the E-mail sent out.

Secretary’s Report:

The October minutes are posted to the website – no changes were suggested.

Treasurer’s Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$3687.59
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$12.00
Total	\$10,611.59

Expenses for the month:

Electric bill	-\$63.78
Trac Phone	-20.00
Total	(\$ 83.78)

New Business:

- 2019 CVAS Officer Nominations were presented.

○ President	George Trimble
○ Vice President	Ian Cooper
○ Secretary	Joe Masar
○ Treasurer	Steve Fishman
○ Observatory Director	Sam Bennici
○ Director of Observations	Gus Saikaly
○ Historian	Dan Rothstein
○ Editor	Chris Powell

- A motion was raised to elect the nominees. **The Motion carried.**
- Viewed Russ Swaney's image of the Whale galaxy.
- Discussed new research published by member Tony Mallama. Tony has recently had an asteroid named after him. 2007TE74 is now 417955 Mallama.
- Steve Fishman displayed a donated Mak 90 telescope.
- Ian discussed materials and equipment donated by Bruce's wife Sue.
- There was general discussion that we should have an inventory of all CVAS equipment and materials.
- Jodi from Mahoning Valley Astronomical Society made a request for speakers and presentations.
- Joe and Russ gave an update on the GOTO project for the 16" Newtonian. All initial equipment has been acquired. Installation configuration and testing in December.

Old Business:

- Marty is researching a group rate on mirror recoating. See him if you would like to participate. Larry has offered to assist with shipping.
- Russ gave an update on the bumper stickers. (discussion should continue)
- 2019 OTAA is scheduled for June 29th
- Joe Facebook update – No new activity.
- Surveyors are coming in October to survey and make lot splits on the property.

Events:

- November 11th 8:00 am Chagrin Valley Town Hall. Annual Holiday lighting detail.
- December 20th CMNH Solstice event.
- December 20th Museum of Natural History
- January 19th Chili Cook off

Next Monthly meeting:

The CVAS Holiday party will be held Dec 1st at Observatory Park starting at 6:00pm.

President Marty Mullet passed his gavel to new President George Trimble.

George delivered brief comments on his initiatives for the future.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Post Meeting:

The viewing was moderate and diminishing. Some members went over to Nassau Station to evaluate pointing issues.