

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes for March 2nd 2019 Observatory Park



Call to order:

President George Trimble opened the meeting at 7:30pm with 13 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary's Report:

The February minutes are posted to the website – approved by Oral Vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$3940.95
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$12.00
Total	\$10,864.95

Expenses for the month:

Electric	64.23
Total	\$ 64.23

We have received an invoice for dues from The International Dark Sky Association for multiple years of dues.

We have committed to paying for the surveyors and filing fees associated with a land donation at Indian Hill. Fees have been estimated between \$4,500.00 and \$5,500.00

We are slated to receive \$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 next issue of Valley SkyWatcher will go out soon. He will let us know the deadline for submissions.

Old Business

16" GOTO retrofit (Joe Masar) – all electronics and hardware ready to install, waiting on improved weather conditions

We have not had an acceptable night for the Messier Marathon. We will send out an email when conditions are favorable.

Geauga Parks, Parks foundation, and the Geauga library system continue to work on obtaining 4 ½" telescopes for loan. CVAS will assist with planning and training.

New Business:

CVAS VP Ian Cooper reported on future Chagrin Valley events. We discussed updating our electronic presentation materials for indoor events, and those events without observing opportunities.

The Chagrin Valley Times is working on an article referencing 2 CVAS members that have had asteroids named after them.

Next Monthly meeting:

Will be held April 6th at Observatory Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

Presentation:

CVAS member Russ Swaney presented information on filters and their use.