

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for May 4th 2019

Observatory Park



Call to order:

President George Trimble opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with 11 members and 1 guest present.

Membership as of 5/1/19 is 33 including 7 lifetime, 4 of whom have not participated in years. Active membership is 29.

Secretary's Report:

The March and April minutes were submitted and posted to the website. Approved by oral vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$4255.81
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$12.00
Total	\$11,179.81

Expenses for the month:

Electric	-73.90
Phone (device replacement)	-30.00
Phone (Service Quarterly)	-20.00
Total	(\$ 123.90)

Observatory Director's Report:

Sam Bennici has inventoried all our equipment and will make that list available to the Membership.

The tractor needs a new brake band (\$29) and Batter (\$49). Membership approved purchases. Weather permitting, would like to schedule "Work Sessions" prior to Monthly Meetings.

- Repair siding and trim on N. Observatory, Shed and Dome

- Stain Fence

Observations Director's Report:

Gus Saikaly presented the Monthly Sky Calendar. If you did not receive the email copy, please advise.

Editor:

Chris Powell was not present. Spring edition of Valley SkyWatcher will be published May 24th.

Old Business:

Chagrin Valley Art by the Falls, June 8th and 9th. – we'll have tent and table-top display. Volunteers need for both days.

A lengthy discussion of the possible CVAS land acquisition was held. There was discussion of forming a committee. There were no motions at this time.

New Business:

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

Marty reported on The International Dark Sky Assoc. (IDA) meeting that was held at Observatory Park. They have offered their resources to CVAS.

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 June 1st at Indian Hill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM

Presentation:

George Trimble's first of 2 presentations on Einstein's theory of Special Relativity will be rescheduled for another meeting.