

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2014

Geauga Parks District Sunnybrook Preserve

Call to Order

President Gus Saikaly opened the meeting at 7:30 PM

Secretary's Report

March Minutes posted to the Website – no additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$5,110.17
Marty Neimi Fund	\$4,187.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 100.00
North Observatory Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 63.00
Total:	\$10,085.17

Expenses for the Month:

Phone	\$ 56.93
Electric	\$ 45.17

Editor.

Ron Baker was not present at the meeting. He emailed the membership about the availability of the Spring edition of the Valley Skywatcher.

Observatory Director.

Ken stopped at the Hill during the afternoon. He reported the area is wet so be cautious when driving on the grounds.

He also reported on the condition of the North Observatory, noting that building has shifted due to the length of the low temperatures this winter. The roof does not close completely and rain may enter thru gaps in the door. Temporary repairs were made over the weekend to keep out the rain. We will monitor the situation as temperatures rise and the building settles.

Director of Observations

Mike Hambrecht was not present at the meeting:

- Distributed Monthly Sky Calendar
- 2014 events: Check Calendar on Website for further details
April 12. Telescope Clinic/Workshop at Geauga's Observatory Park
April 15 Lunar Eclipse. No CVAS events planned, but Geauga's Observatory Park will be open to the public the evening of April 14 thru 5 AM April 15.

Vice-President

Marty Mullet noted that he is ready to wrap up the grant request for \$26,000 thru 2 organizations. \$13,000 will be requested from the State of Ohio and amatching grant will be requested from a local foundation. Funds will be used for capital improvements. Marty noted that we will need to wait until August to get a final response.

Observatory Park:

Dan Rothstein reported no updates on Observatory Park. Someone noted that former Directory Tom Curtain found employment with the Delaware County Park District, north of Columbus, Ohio.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Roseanne Radgowski suggested we consider using Meetup.com as one way to generate interest and new membership in the Society.

Gus adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Next meeting is May 3 at Indian Hill Observatory. Start time is 8 PM.