

**Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society  
Meeting Minutes of September 6<sup>th</sup>., 2014  
Indian Hill Observatory**

**Call to Order**

President Gus Saikaly opened the meeting at 8:03 PM

**Vice-President**

Waiting on response to grant request from the Cleveland Foundation.

**Secretary's Report**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 4,270.21
Marty Fund	\$ 4,187.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 100.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 89.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,271.21</b>

Expenses for the month

- \$ 56.95 phone bill.
- \$ 50.88 Electric
- \$ 348.10 Marty M for gravel and pipe.

Notice – Annual insurance bill arrived. \$475. Was \$425 in 2013 and \$375 in 2012. He will pay the \$475 next week.

- Several Members asked for copies of our Policy so they could compare other providers.

## **Editor**

Ron is seeking article contributions for the Fall 2014 Edition of The Valley Skywatcher.

## **Observatory Director**

- Plan to finish North parking lot (fill and level) with two Saturday works sessions in September
- ServoCat Motor Control System ordered for 16" = \$1000.

## **Director of Observations**

- Monthly Sky Calendar distributed.
- Laurel School Star Party  
Two Friday or Saturday session for late October / early November – details by next meeting

## **New Business:**

- Astronomy Day – October 4th  
We'll have our Table Top Display and Handouts at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. 10am to 4pm – all Members encouraged to help out.
- Winter Meetings  
Sunnybrook may not be available in 2015 – asking the Membership for suggestions on other locations.
- Volunteering at Observatory Park  
Anyone interested should contact the Park about procedures for becoming a volunteer (background check, etc.)
- Donation from Aurora Astronomical Society  
Dan briefly discussed a potential donation from that group – the CVAS Officers will obtain details and discuss with Membership at October meeting.

**Visitors:**

Robb and Carissa Adams

Gus adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Next meeting is October 4th at Indian Hill Observatory. Start time is 7:00 PM.