

**Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society**

**Meeting Minutes for May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Observatory Park**

**NOTE: The Meeting location was moved to Observatory Park due to very wet conditions at Indian Hill**

**Call to order**

President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 8:03.

15 members and 2 guests present.

**Secretary's Report**

April minutes have been posted to the website.

**Treasurer's Report**

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 1,871.34
Marty Fund	\$ 5,687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 26.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,809.34</b>

Received \$200 donation from Mr. Sidney Gold (CVAS member Rob Gold's father)

Expenses for the month

- \$ 67.05 phone bill.
- \$ 64.48 Electric xx KHW Actual
- \$ 180 for Website Hosting

**Observatory Director**

Dome is back in service

**Observations Director**

The Monthly Sky Calendar is on the website. E-mail sent out. went over the monthly sky calendar.

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Backyard Astronomy at Lake Parks. Steve will make the call regarding the weather

## **Editor**

If you have anything for the Valley Skywatcher please send to Marty or Ron.

## **Public Relations – Ian**

We will have our astrophotography (Beyond the Blue) at Artisans' Corner Gallery in Newberry (11110 Kinsman Rd, Newbury Township, OH 44065) starting the end of May. We will be participating in a Star Party there the evening of June 2nd

Art by the Falls – We will have our own Tent this year (a 10 x 10 that we'll need to buy). June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. --- Volunteers needed!

## **Old Business:**

Raffle (drawing at our June OTA Meeting) for a donated 90mm Levenhuk Strike PRO Maksutov-Cassegrain Telescope on a German equatorial mount and Levenhuk Sherman Pro 12x50 Binoculars. Tickets are \$2 each / 6 for \$10

Had our table-top display at Cleveland Museum of National History on Astronomy Day (April 29<sup>th</sup>.) A lot of inquiries about the upcoming Solar Eclipse.

Received a donation of a Meade EXT 90 telescope and tripod

## **New Business:**

Continued discussion on changing Meeting structure -

- Officers meet once a Month to discuss "business" issues
- General Meeting once a Month to discuss "Astronomy" – presentation at every meeting
  - a. Presentations can include "hands on" sessions – anything Astronomy
  - b. Consider "re-cycling" some previous presentations (for new Members)

Geauga Parks Nassau Station Open House

- August 19<sup>th</sup>
- CVAS will have Telescopes on the pads outside the observatory

**Next meeting will be June 3rd. at Indian Hill, 8:00 pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm**

**Presentation by** Dr. George Trimble on the Equatorial Platform Mount he made for his 10" Dobsonian telescope (which he also ground the mirror for)