

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for March 3rd 2018

Observatory Park



Call to order:

President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 7:30 with 16 members present.

Observations Director's Report:

Steve Kainec presented the Monthly Sky Calendar. It has been posted on the member forum, and the E-mail sent out.

Presentation:

The group viewed a documentary on Pluto.

Secretary's Report:

December minutes are posted to the website – no changes were suggested.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$4051.15
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$25.00
Total	\$10,988.15

Expenses for the month:

Phone bill	-\$72.44
Electric 97 KHW Estimate	-\$63.64
Total	(\$ 136.08)

Income:

Sale of 1 eyepiece and filter.	\$105.00
Donation from Jaycees	\$500.00
Total	\$ 605.00

New Business:

- Ron Baker has stepped aside as Editor. Any member interested in taking on this important role should touch base with Marty.
- A motion was passed to discontinue phone and internet service at Indian Hill.
- Steve Fishman will check into maintaining the phone number for club purposes.

Observatory Director's Report:

Sam Bennici has compiled the following list of maintenance activities we should accomplish this year. A work plan is being formulated.

1. Clean out the shed.
2. Fix the floor in the shed.
3. Paint the fence on the terrace.
4. Paint, and make minor repairs to the North Observatory.
5. Install more path lighting from the bottom of the hill to the North Observatory.
6. Clean, and paint the entrance gate.
7. Burn the refuse piles.
8. Fix the driveway where needed.
9. Figure out a way to stop the gravel from washing down to the street.
10. Clean out both rooms of the North Observatory.
11. Finish the overhang above the warm room door of the North Observatory
12. Clean and repaint the 16" telescope mount and tube.
13. Make a cover for the right-ascension drive on the 16" telescope.

Events:

- March 17th -18th Messier Marathon at Indian Hill (if conditions permit, otherwise Observatory Park)

Next Monthly meeting:

Will be held April 7th at Observatory Park starting at 7:30pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Since it was a clear evening, several member took the opportunity to observe using the Oberle 25.5" Telescope.

Links to Photos from CVAS Member Joe Masar

<https://goo.gl/zfRb1t>

<https://goo.gl/pMGbLR>

<https://goo.gl/eb93J7>