

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for December 7th 2019

Environmental Learning Center



This was a brief business meeting at our Annual Christmas Party

Call to order:

- President Joe Masar opened the meeting at 7:02 pm with 15 members and 16 guests present. Active membership is 32.
- Joe thanked Grant Donnelly and the Lake MetroParks for being our hosts for the evening.
- Introduction of new Officers
 - Joe Masar – President
 - Marty Mullet – Vice President / Parks Liaison
 - Russ Swaney – Secretary
 - Steve Fishman – Treasurer
 - Sam Bennici – Observatory Director
 - Gus Saikaly – Observations Director
 - Dan Rothstein – Historian
 - Chris Powell - Editor
- Joe read the CVAS Mission Statement and emphasized our need to increase “outreach” programs.

Treasurer’s Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

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| Bank Balance | \$ 3,146.60 |
| Marty Fund | \$ 5,687.00 |
| John Gorka Fund | \$ 600.00 |
| North Observatory Automation Fund | \$ 625.00 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 15.00 |
| Total | \$10,073.60 |

Expenses for the month

- \$ 72.92 Electric 56 KhW Actual

Observatory Director’s Report:

- Be cautious of wet conditions when trying to drive to the top of the Hill

Observations Director's Report:

- December Sky Report emailed to Membership

Editor:

- Winter Skywatcher issue published

Old Business:

- **Land acquisition** -Marty Mullet agreed to advance funding to purchase the land, being repaid by the sale of parcels at the southern end of the property.
 - The Membership present voted to acknowledge Marty's magnanimous offer and proceed with the purchase.

Events:

- December 19th. 6 – 10 pm
Think & Drink with the Extinct
 - Winter Solstice
 - Cleveland Museum of Natural History
 - 1 Wade Oval Dr, Cleveland, OH 44106
- December 21st – Nassau Station 7pm (watch mobile page for possible cancellation).
- January 18th – Star Party at Lake Erie Bluff (additional information to follow in early January)

Next Monthly meeting:

- February meeting location change – Nassau Station 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 followed by viewing through the 16" Meade SCT housed in a Dome at the center.