

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes for January 4th. 2020 Observatory Park



Call to order:

- President Joe Masar opened the meeting at 7:08 pm with 8 members and 1 guest present. Active membership is 32.
- Current 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

Secretary's Report:

- December's minutes posted to Website
- Minutes approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 1,379.20
Marty Fund	\$ 5,687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 15.00
Total	\$8,306.20

Income for the month

Expenses for the month

- \$ 74.18 Electric 60 kWh Actual

- \$ 2,000.00 Landmark Professional Group. 1/2 payment for survey
- \$ 151.00 Joe Masar. Christmas party food expense.
- \$ 44.71 Russ Swaney. Christmas party food expense.
- \$ 20.00 SteveFishman. Cell Phone.

Observatory Director's Report:

- Sam Bennici gave a brief list of projects for this year:
 - Repair/paint the siding on the Dome.
 - Repair/paint siding on the North Observatory
 - Be cautious of wet conditions when trying to drive to the top of the Hill

Observations Director's Report:

- January Sky Report emailed to Membership
- Gus Saikaly will plan our 2020 Messier Marathon
 - Tentative dates are March 21st or the 28th.

Editor:

- Winter Skywatcher to publish in March.
- Looking for Members to submit Book/Movie reviews that have a "Astronomy" genre.

Old Business:

- **Drainage repairs** – will most likely have to wait till late Spring.

New Business:

- **CVAS Equipment Inventory** – Joe Masar proposed that an equipment inventory this is not useful to CVAS or it's Membership should be considered "For Sale" (Money is also an "asset"). Any "Telescopes" sold would include a 1 year CVAS Membership. Insufficient Membership present for vote approval.

Events:

- The Think and Drink at the Cleveland Museum of Natural was another success – 650 members of the public attending. Next event is probably in December 19th. 6 –
- January 6th. - Geauga Skywatchers meeting. "Our Solar System" 6:30 pm at the Burton Public Library, 14588 W Park St, Burton, OH 44021
- January 14th. – "The Hubble Space Telescope". 11:00 am at the Geauga senior center. 12555 Ravenwood Dr, Chardon, OH

- January 18th – Star Party at Lake Erie Bluffs, 3301 Lane Rd, Painesville, OH, starting at 7 pm
- January 18th – CVAS hosts the public at Nassau Station, starting at 7pm
- June 13th – CVAS OTTA – Observatory Park

Next Monthly meeting:

- **February meeting location change – Nassau Station 7 pm**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 followed by a Planetarium presentation “Moving through the Constellations” by Marty Mullett.