

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for February 2nd. 2020

Observatory Park



Call to order:

- President Joe Masar opened the meeting at 7:04 pm with 13 Members present.
- 5 new Members since December – all joined via Website (PayPal)
- Steve Fishman to provide updated Membership/dues list.
- 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:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 1,464.14
Marty Fund	\$ 5,687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 15.00
Total	\$8,391.14

Expenses for the month

- \$ 74.18 Electric 60 KhW Actual

Observatory Director's Report:

- Sam Bennici is home recovering for a fall – we all wish him a speedy recover.
- List off 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:

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

Editor:

- Winter Skywatcher to publish in late February.
- Looking for Members to submit Book/Movie reviews, Observer Logs and photos.
- Please submit any materials before February 21st.

Old Business:

- **Drainage repairs** – will most likely have to wait till late Spring.
- **Land Purchase** – Marty reports should be completed by March 31st.
- **CVAS Equipment Inventory** – Equipment inventory this is not useful to CVAS or it's Membership will be considered "For Sale" (Money is also an "asset"). Any "Telescopes" sold would include a 1 year CVAS Membership. Suggested that the June "Art by the Falls" would be a good event for this. We will also have "Membership Packets" for Sale.

New Business:

- **New Member Pack** – Will include a 13 page welcome document, a "red" flashlight and Name Badge on lanyard.
- **Rack Cards** – Make them available to local school Astronomy Classes/Programs.

Events:

- February January 3rd. - Geauga Skywatchers meeting. "Hubble at 25" 6:30 pm at Middlefield Public Library.
- February 15th. – CVAS hosts the public at Nassau Station, starting at 7pm
- March 21st and/or 28th. – Messier Marathon, Observatory Park.
- June 13th – CVAS OTTA – Observatory Park

Next Monthly meeting:

- March 7th at Observatory Park, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 followed by a Marty Mullet's presentation: "Hubble at 25".