

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes for March 7th. 2020 Observatory Park



Call to order:

- President Joe Masar opened the meeting at 7:03 pm with 17 Members and 5 guests present.
- 2 new Members since last meeting
- 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:

- February's minutes posted to Website

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 1,382.57
Marty Fund	\$ 5,687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 66.00
Total	\$8,360.57

Income for the month

- \$250 from Chagrin Jaycees

Expenses for the month

- \$ 75.02 Electric 60 KhW Actual

- \$ 1,000 Surveyor But check hasn't been cashed yet

- Steve Fishman to provide updated Membership/dues list.

Observatory Director's Report:

- List off projects for this year:
 - Repair/paint the siding on the Dome.
 - Repair/paint siding on the North Observatory
 - Clean up / burn brush
 - Shed repairs
 - Be cautious of wet conditions when trying to drive to the top of the Hill

Observations Director's Report:

- March Sky Report emailed to Membership
- 2020 Messier Marathon
 - Tentative dates are March 21st or the 28th.
 - Will consider the Friday's and Sunday's around those date.
 - Check [mobile site](#) for updates

Editor:

- Winter Skywatcher published.
- Looking for Members to submit Book/Movie reviews, Observer Logs and photos.
 - Request for review of Immanuel Velikovsky's "Worlds in Collision".

Old Business:

- **Drainage repairs** – Ian Cooper not present for a report.
- **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.

Events:

- March 21st. – CVAS hosts the public at Nassau Station, starting at 7pm
- March 21st and/or 28th. – Messier Marathon, Observatory Park.
- April 4th. – CVAS Monthly meeting at Observatory Park starting at 7 pm.

- June 13th – CVAS OTAA – Observatory Park

Next Monthly meeting:

- April 4th at Observatory Park, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 and since the skies were clear (albeit an almost Full Moon) the Membership headed over to Nassau Station where we had an additional 18 visitors show up. Viewed 15 bright Messier Objects, 5 Carbon Stars and the Moon.