

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for February 6th. 2021



- Current Officers
 - Joe Masar – President
 - Ram Kiparski – Vice President
 - Steve Fishman – Treasurer
 - Russ Swaney – Assistant
 - Scott Kuntz – Secretary
 - Sam Bennici – Observatory Director
 - Gus Saikaly – Observations Director
 - Dan Rothstein – Historian
 - Chris Powell – Editor

Location: St. Mark Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Vice President Ram Kiparski called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

15 Members Present

Secretary's Report:

- January Minutes (there was no meeting) posted to Website

Treasurer's Report:

- Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance \$ 13,183.95

Petty Cash \$ 26.00

Total \$13,209.95

Income for the month:

- \$278.44.. Dues

Expenses for the month:

- \$ 11,330 Land Payment. To Marty Mullet. (From Loan last year)

- \$ 269.50 Closing Costs on land. To Marty Mullet.

- \$ 93.56 Electric 74 KhW Actual

Director of Observations Report:

- February Sky Calendar emailed
- Messier Marathon – weekend of March 13th/14th and/or 20th/21st.
Details by first week in March.

Valley Skywatcher Editor:

- Chris asks for articles/photos by end of February – looking to publish by first week of March.

Observatory Director's Report:

- Projects for this spring/summer:
 - Burn remain brush pile
 - Repairs to N. Observatory
 - Improve drainage around N. Observatory
 - Fix the driveway – install basin and drain pipe
 - Waiting on quote for Main Observatory Door
 - Waiting for contractor to drop 4 large trees leading up to the to of the hill.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Dan Rothstein asked about what, if any, plans there are to permanently house the 18" Newtonian at Indian Hill. Any members interested in form a commette to study and suggest a plan, please contact Sam Bennici
- Star Party at Nassau Station – February 10th 7 to 10 pm

Presentations:

Mary Mullet explained the 'life cycle' of stars and how we went about classifying them.

Russ Swaney examined what's really the Speed Light when we observe objects

Next Monthly meeting:

- March 6th. – 7:00 pm - Please check [website](#) CALENDAR for location prior to meeting