

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for March 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

17 Members Present

Secretary's Report:

- February Minutes posted to Website

Treasurer's Report:

- Steve Fishman reported the following:

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Bank Balance | \$ 7,769.04 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 46.00 |
| Total | \$7,815.04 |

Income for the month

\$161.61 Dues

Expenses for the month

- \$ 5,000 Repay land loan to club member.
- \$ 282.06 Real Estate tax.
- \$ 88.89 Electric 55 KhW Actual
- \$ 180.90 Russ Swaney. Itemized list below.

| Item | Cost |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Locks | \$ 33.00 |
| LX200 Encoder trimmer | \$ 25.00 |
| Dimmer Switches (3) | \$ 15.80 |
| Postage (New Member Packets) | \$ 16.70 |
| Padded envelopes | \$ 16.07 |
| Paint | \$ 60.16 |
| .Org Domain Renewal | \$ 14.17 |
| Total | \$ 180.90 |

Director of Observations Report:

- March Sky Calendar emailed
- Messier Marathon – weekend of March 13th/14th and/or 20th/21st.

Valley Skywatcher Editor:

- Chris thanked all the people who submitted articles and photos for the 2021 Winter Issue.

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 top of the hill.

Old Business:

- Permanently house the 18" Newtonian at Indian Hill. Any members interested in forming a committee to study and suggest a plan, please contact Sam Bennici

New Business:

- Star Party at Nassau Station – March 20th 7 to 11 pm

Presentation:

Chris Powell - Great Fukushima Quake (March 11th, 2011). He showed materials and photos from his personal archives, and film of the actual tsunami taken by GE engineers who were on site.

Next Monthly meeting:

- April 3rd. – 7:00 pm - Please check [website](#) CALENDAR for location prior to meeting