

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for January 8th, 2022



- 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: Observatory Park

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Joe Masar.

Fifteen members present

Secretary's Report:

- November's minutes were approved and posted to the CVAS website.
- December Meeting minutes not published

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance	\$6,427.48	
Petty Cash	\$20.00	
Total	\$6,447.48	
Income for the Month	\$ 69.00	Dues
Expenses for the Month	\$98.44	Electric 45 KWH actual

- 30 Active members.
- First Energy lowered the Distribution Related Component cost \$10 from prior month which explains the \$10 decrease from the prior invoice.
- PO Box Monitor: We received anonymous donations to keep the PO Box active for one more year.

Director of Observations Report:

- January Sky Calendar emailed to membership.
- Tony Mallama is developing a solar system timetable for Indian Hill.
- Gus was able to take a picture of Comet Leonard.

Valley SkyWatcher Editor:

- Deadline for the next issue submissions is February 28.

Observatory Director's Report:

- Russ and Joe are upgrading a finder scope for the 16" reflector
- A 20mm reticle eyepiece with a battery will be added. The battery will be on a 6-hour timer.

Old Business:

- Work continues on the 18-inch scope. New encoders will be added. The GOTO motor in in need of repair.
- The committee designated to recommend a power solution for Indian Hill is still working on recommendations.
- Marty is still looking for three speakers for the Valley Skywatcher talks.
- Marty needs volunteers for inspecting the loaner scopes at the libraries.

New Business:

- The board will determine the dates for the OTAA this summer.
- The Pavilions at Observatory Park need to be reserved.
- Scott raised the question of determining who is entitled to receive the mailings. Conclusion is TBD.

Next Monthly meeting:

- February 5, 2022, 7:00 P.M. at Observatory Park.

Calendar Events:

- CVAS Nights at Nassau Feb 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

