

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for February 5th, 2022



- Current Officers
 - Joe Masar – President
 - Ram Kiparski – Vice President
 - Steve Fishman – Treasurer
 - Russ Swaney – Assistant
 - Scott Kuntz – Secretary
 - Rob Beers – 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.

14 members present

Secretary's Report:

- January's minutes were approved and posted to the CVAS website.

Historian:

- Dan is compiling all the previous Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance	\$6,527.88	
Petty Cash	\$20.00	
Total	\$6,547.88	
Income for the Month	\$ 180.00	Dues
Expenses for the Month	\$99.60	Electric 45 KWH actual

- 31 Active members.
- PO Box Monitor: - Real Estate Tax Invoice (to be detailed at next meeting)

Director of Observations Report:

- February Sky Calendar emailed to membership.
- Messier Marathon
 - Ian Cooper has volunteered to lead a in person / Sky charts only (NO PC's) session.
 - Live Streaming/ Virtual events planned for the month of March and early April.

Valley SkyWatcher Editor:

- Deadline for the next issue submissions is February 28.

Observatory Director's Report:

- Russ and Joe are upgrading a 80mm finder scope for the 16" reflector
- A 20mm reticle eyepiece with a 6-hour timer.

Old Business:

- Marty needs 3 speakers/presentations of the Geauga Skywatchers meeting – May 1st.

New Business:

- Our OTAA is June 25th at Observatory Park
- The Pavilion needs to be reserved – Ram K. will handle.
- Need to update the mailing list

Next Monthly meeting:

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

Calendar Events:

- CVAS Nights at Nassau Feb 19th starting at 7pm

Presentations/Discussions:

- James Webb Telescope
 - Image capture at L2 insertion
 - first light/mirror(s) alignment procedures
- Hubble Sphere
 - Misconceptions on "expanding universe"

- Image showing SpaceX's Starlink Satellites filling the field, let to discussion of how these could potentially hinder spotting of dangerous asteroids
- Post meeting, we attempted to view at Nassau but the dome was frozen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.