

# Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

## Meeting Minutes for March 5th, 2022

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- 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.

18 members present

### Secretary's Report:

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

### Historian:

- Dan is compiling all the previous meeting minutes.

### Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance	\$6,684.63	
Petty Cash	\$23.00	
Total	\$6,707.63	
Income for the Month	\$ 348.00	Dues
Expenses for the Month	\$100.00	Electric 45 KWH actual

- 208.31 paid to Geauga County Treasurer (real estate tax). Marty filed tax exemption paperwork the week of February 7 to get this refunded.
- \$141.35 submitted from Sam Benicci for the north observatory repair hardware costs. This will be applied toward Sam's dues for 23 months.
- 30 Active members.

- PO Box Monitor:

\$50 check donation. The donor's name is VMWARE, Inc on behalf of Chris Weber. The check is from Bright Funds foundation. Steve will deposit the check.

#### **Director of Observations Report:**

- March Sky Calendar was emailed to membership.
- Gus encouraged participation in the Messier marathon.

#### **Valley SkyWatcher Editor:**

- Winter issue was sent
- Messier observations can be included the observer's log in the next issue

#### **Observatory Director's Report:**

- Rob will try to get up to the hill soon
- Don't try to drive past the north observatory because of the ground conditions.

#### **Old Business:**

- Marty needs 3 speakers/presentations of the Geauga Skywatchers meeting – May 1st.
- Our OTAA is June 25th at Observatory Park
- The Pavilion needs to be reserved – Ram K. will handle.

#### **New Business:**

- None

#### **Presentation:**

- Russ Swaney: Tycho Tracker software for identifying asteroids in astrophotography

#### **Next Monthly meeting:**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7::00 PM at Observatory Park

#### **Calendar Events:**

- Nights at Nassau: March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM