

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for March 4th, 2023



- Current Officers
 - Ian Cooper – President (NP)
 - Conny Meier – Vice President (NP)
 - Steve Fishman – Treasurer
 - Scott Kuntz – Secretary
 - Rob Beers – Observatory Director
 - Gus Saikaly – Observations Director (NP)
 - Dan Rothstein – Historian
 - Chris Powell – Editor
 - Marty Mullet-Park Systems Liaison

Location: Nassau Observatory

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Steve Fishman

17 members present.

Secretary's Report:

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

Historian:

- No report

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance	\$6567.77	
Petty Cash	\$20.00	
Total	\$6587.77	
Income for the Month	\$ 72.00	Dues
Expenses for the Month	\$89.90	Electric 87 KWH actual

- 32 Active members.

Director of Observations Report:

- March Sky Calendar emailed to membership.
- Jupiter and Venus were closest to each other on March 1st.
- Ceres will be in opposition on March 21st.
- Uranus and Venus will be within 1 degree on March 30th.

Valley SkyWatcher Editor:

- Next edition will be published in 3 months.

Observatory Director's Report:

- Indian Hill is very wet – be cautious.
- All equipment is currently in good operating order.
- Marty plans to change the battery in the warm room keypad.

Old Business:

- . Steve and Ian scouted the CVNP for a suitable place for the Joint public star party with OTAA organizations. Kendall Hills seemed the best. They contacted CVNP regarding the site and it's a no go. Lack of parking is the reason. An alternative plan may be necessary.
- Many, many thanks to our new member Laz for purchasing a new picnic table. Bob Beers will bring a picnic table to Indian Hill.
- There was additional discussion about bringing alternative power sources to Indian Hill. Ian spoke to an electrical engineer regarding the who, what, where and when's. Sam Bennici has access to a gas-powered generator, but he did not know the rating. Another option brought up was a propane whole house generator.

New Business:

- There will be an astronomy day at Observatory Park on April 27th. A decision needs to be made about whether CVAS will participate.
- Art by the Falls in Chagrin Falls will be June 10 – 11. This can be an opportunity for CVAS publicity.
- Paul Grubach and Russ Swaney are giving a basic presentation on astrophotography at the Geauga County Library (West Geauga branch) on March 6th.
- Russ Swaney announce that the Messier marathon is happening mid-March.

- Don Miskowich proposed that special topic work groups be held immediately after meetings.

Next Monthly meeting:

- April 1st at 7:00 P.M. (Observatory Park)

Calendar Events:

- June 10th CVAS OTAA star party at Indian Hill
- March 17th – 25th Messier marathon.
- April 27th – Astronomy Day at Observatory Park.

Presentations/Discussions:

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.