

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for July 6th 2019

Indian Hill Observatory



Call to order:

Secretary Joe Masar opened the meeting at 8:04 pm with 13 members present.

Membership as of 8/1/19 is 37 including 7 lifetime, 4 of whom have not participated in years. Active membership is 33.

Secretary's Report:

The May June minutes have been posted.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$3992.84
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$15.00
Total	\$10,919.84

Income for the month:

OTAA Picnic Raffle	\$125.00
Eyepiece sold at OTAA	\$40.00
Total	\$ 165.00

Expenses for the month:

Electric	-75.78
OTAA Food	-150.98
Post Office Box	-106.00
Phone?	
Total	(\$ 332.76)

Observatory Director's Report:

- Stained the Fence – pigmented white (looks great).
 - Thank you to CVAS Members Chris Powell, Robert Vickers, and Steve Fishman
- Raked and seeded area from the burn pile

Weather permitting, would like to schedule “Work Sessions” prior to Monthly Meetings.

- Repair/replace siding and trim on N. Observatory, Shed and Dome (Pricing needed)
- Repair the brake band on the tractor
- Tractor deck is very rotted.

Observations Director's Report:

Gus Saikaly presented the Monthly Sky Calendar. If you did not receive the email copy, please advise.

Editor:

Chris Powell reminds that he is collecting member's stories, and recollections of the Apollo missions for the next newsletter (just a paragraph or two of what you remember/recall).

Old Business:

- Chagrin Valley Art by the Falls, June 8th and 9th.
 - Those who attended said it “went well”
- Rack Card
 - Joe Masar designed a “Rack Card” to replace our current Brochure and Business cards.
 - QR code on card will open “mobile” website (with link to main website) – we can track these to evaluate the usefulness of this design.
- Our OTAA event turned out to be an excellent night. 33 member/guests enjoyed dinner and some great telescope viewing with the general public at both Observatory Park and Nassau Station

New Business:

- Selected and approved location for armillary sphere = just West of the Dome.
- Approved creation of a fund-raising committee to purchase additional land for Indian Hill.
 - Volunteers were Larry Borros, Marty Mullet, Steve Fishman, Ian Cooper (Chair), and Joe Masar

Events:

- Saturday, July 20th 50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing. Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.
 - 11:00am to 4:30pm
 - Tabletop Display
 - Solar Scope
 - Planatarium program running an a Go-To SCT.
- Saturday July 20th 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm CVAS Night at Nassau Station.
- Saturday, August 10 – 8-12:00 am – Super Star Party. Penitentiary Glen Reservation
- Monday August 22 – 7 pm – Bainbridge Library – Marty will do PowerPoint Presentation
- Friday, November 1 – Time TBD - Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Next Monthly meeting:

Will be held August 3rd. at Indian Hill Starting at 8:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM