

**Friends of Taylor Observatory- Norton Planetarium**  
**Minutes for April 9, 2018**

**Board Meeting**

**5:04pm Taylor Observatory Classroom**

- I.** Meeting Call to Order: President Bill Haddon called the meeting to order at 5:04pm
- II.** Roll Call Board Members Present: Bill Haddon, David Markham, Dave Velazquez, Tom Schleif, Tim Gill and guest Judy Stelljes, Jim Steele and Emily Whittleston
- III.:** Emily Whittleston did the March Minutes and will be approved at the May Meeting
- IV. Financial Report**

David Markham stated we have \$74,850.77 in our account.

Cash Flow 2018

Tim G. Talk	\$435
Bill H. Talk	\$120
Judges Meeting	\$264
Reeves Talk	-\$651
Membership	<u>\$500</u>
Total	<b>\$668</b>

**V. Business Items**

**Presidents Report**

**Teeter Scope**

Rob Teeter did get some good weather and last tuesday did a star test on the scope. It is now ready to be shipped. Dave Marham sent the last check.

**Brochure.**

Bill will get the reworked document that he did to Jenna for her input.

**Star Deck and Shed**

The Platform and Shed	\$16,619
Teeter Scope	<u>\$14,265</u>
	<b>\$30,884</b>
Fence	\$1400
Flooring	\$300
Telescope Assces.	<u>\$600</u>
	<b>\$2300</b>

## **Dark Sky Initiative**

Judy S. lives in the neighborhood and is concerned about a few unshielded lights. She worked in Kansas for zone enforcement and exterior lighting and would like to help.

Jim Steele is a 1<sup>st</sup> term County Supervisor and amateur astronomer and is working on a Dark Sky designation for Lake County. He handed out copies of UC Davis's Dark Sky guidelines criteria. Bill Hadden will draft a number of Where As statements that Jim Steele will incorporate in a proposal to the County Board in the near future. He would like us to be there with a solar scope and students to support his proposal of designating Lake County a Dark Sky County. Kevin Ingram will help Jim Steele and the Rural Arts Initiative and the Audubon Group will help.

## **Robert Reeves Talk**

**Tom:** Was surprised that it didn't draw a more technical type crowd.

**Dave V.:** too technical

**Emily:** too long to much about technical geology

**Eduardo:** not very kid friendly

Overall talk too long and he did not use the microphone well.

## **LCOE will look into a microphone solution**

Brochure

Emily W. proofed it. We can get 1000 copies for \$500 at Pak and Mail. Jeanna asked to have her name removed because she has been reassigned to classroom teaching.

## **Events**

### **Windows to the Universe 2018**

#### **April**

Tom Schleif will do a talk about Telescopes and Astrophotography. People will be encouraged to bring their telescopes and the Teeter Scope will be featured for public viewing.

#### **May**

Bill Haddon is working on a Dark Sky talk along with the Audubon Soc.

#### **June**

Tim Gill will do a talk

#### **July**

Eduardo will do a talk on Commercial Space Flight.

#### **August**

Dave V. will speak on upcoming NASA missions

### **October 20 "Observe the Moon Night"**

**Astronomy Days April 21 and October 13**

Dave Velasques asked for a group who wants to rent the facility for an adult birthday party. We need to check to see if adult beverages can be served and have to come up with rental pricing. Bill will check with Ryan Mayham about serving alcohol.

Tom Schleif will look into the History of the Taylor Observatory and the role of Robert Taylor.

Emily W. said she can do more bags for us. Cost runs between. \$3.60 to \$3.99 depending on bag size.

Bill H suggested a Taylor Observatory Scholarship Fund, something we should think about.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm**