

Friends of Taylor Observatory- Norton Planetarium
Minutes for May 14, 2018

Board Meeting

5:07pm 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, Dave Velazquez, Eduardo Alletore, Tom Schleif, and Tim Gill
- III.** Dave V. motioned minutes of last meeting approved with any corrections being sent to Tom S. 2nd Tom G. unanimously approved.
- IV.** **Tom S. moved to expand the board members number in our bylaws (Article 1 Section3) from 7 to 10 board members. Tim G. second. Unanimously Approved**
- V.** **Dave V. motioned to appoint Emily Wittlesley to the Board of Directors. 2nd Tom S.** Emily has applied and with her artistic abilities and willingness support FOTO would be a good addition to the board. **Unanimously Approved**

VI. Business Items

Presidents Report

Teeter Scope

Already purchased as accessories for the Teeter Scope

1. Alignment Tools

a. Laser collimater	\$232
b. Catseye Allignment tool	\$152
c. Televue Barlow	\$327
d. T Adapter	<u>\$45</u>
	\$772

We still need eyepieces for the scope

***Dave V. motioned to set aside \$1200 for additional accessories. 2nd Tim G. Unanimously Approved**

Brochure.

Bill H. has completed the work on the brochure and has found a printer that will print 1000 copies for \$199 saving \$300 from Pak and Mails price and has sent the file to them to print it.

Dave V has some places for the brochure, Tallman Hotel, Chamber etc.

Star Deck and Shed

The Platform and Shed \$16,619

Teeter Scope \$14,265

\$30,884

Flooring \$429

Telescope Acces. \$772

Pending

Fence \$1400???

Electrical \$?????

Bill H. is looking into getting the Teeter Scope insured so we can take it off property to public viewing events.

There was one light in the neighborhood that was very bright last public night. We will monitor if it is a problem. One solution might be sending a letter to the neighbors asking them to keep outdoor lights off during our public nights.

Dave V. is in touch with the Library to see if we can help them build their Astronomy library. It is currently very out of date. He said used books would be welcome. Tom S. stated that Amazon has some good deals on used books.

Taylor fund Raising Goals

Taylor Scholarship a Science and Engineering Scholarship

We could invest \$20,000 and withdraw a certain % every year then solicit matching funds. The goal would be two \$1500 scholarships. We could raise scholarship money and not use the Neiman funds.

Planetarium Shows.

We do need to add to what we already have. Tom asked Eduardo about rental shows but we would need to add a separate computer to the projector to do this.

Summer staffing

Add staff to open more weekends. It would be nice to pay additional staff to open more often for public viewings.

Taylor Art Work and Posters

We should get the Reeve posters mounted and hung in the classroom. It was also suggested that we get a quote (“Remember to look up at the stars not down at your feet”) and photo of Steven Hawkings framed or put up as a mural on the classroom wall. We should have Emily do this.

Kelseyville Business Assoc. Membership

It is \$80 per year and gets us listed on their website and we could talk at one of their meetings. We were a member in the past but when Barbara M. left it was dropped. Tim G. said he would attend meetings for us.

***Tim G motioned that we join KBA. 2nd Eduardo A. Unanimously Approved.**

EVENTS

CMAS Event

Eduardo A. and Dave M. attended and set up a booth for Friends of the Taylor. Eduardo said of 200 kids were there. He did say that both solar filters are scratched and we need to get new ones. They did use our own canopy and it is good.

Windows to the Universe 2018

April

Tom Schleif did a talk about Telescopes and Astrophotography. 3 people did bring their own telescopes. and we helped them with them. The Teeter Scope was featured for public viewing. Night was cloudy so no viewing. It went well and about 25 attended

May 26

Tim G. will talk on the Fermi Paradox

June

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

July 28

Eduardo will do a talk on Commercial Space Flight.

August ???

September????

October

Dave V. will speak on up coming NASA missions

October 20 “Observe the Moon Night”

Astronomy Days April 21 and October 13

Bill H has a number of potential speakers for this year. Sandy Faber??? - a radio astronomer, Phil Scherrer - Solar, Elsa Quantaro?? - Exo Planets, Prof. Steven Kane _Exo Planets and Astro Biology

Dave Velasquez asked for a group who wants to rent the facility for an adult birthday party. He needs a contract and we need to make sure we are insured to do this event. Dave V. will look into insurance.

A Girl Scout group wants to camp at the Taylor in Late June of July. Bill H. will look into what permission we need from LCOE.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm