

Friends of Taylor Observatory~Norton Planetarium
Minutes for 11 June 2018, Board meeting at the Taylor Observatory Classroom

Meeting call to order: President Bill Haddon called the meeting to order at 5:11pm.

Roll call Board members present : Bill Haddon, Dave Velasquez, Tom Schleif, Eduardo Allatore, David Markham, Emily Whittlesey. Visitor, Barbara McIntyre.

Emily motioned that the minutes of the May 14th meeting be approved with corrections sent to Tom S. 2nd David V., unanimously approved.

Financial report: \$69,179.45 reported David M.

He also gave the form to Bill for Foto filing requirement for 501.c3

Brochures: Bill gave out some of the new ones.

Jenna: Eduardo said LCOE is looking for a new Ed specialist for Fall, to replace Jenna.

KBA Kelseyville Business Assn.: Bill signed up with them.

History project: Tom will be doing research; Barbara had suggestions too. Goal is to gather info in time for Taylor 40th anniversary/ question about what IS that date.

Insurance for the equipment as well as Directors and Officers. Bill will pursue.

Birthday party contract for August: Proposal for Dave V. to present: Staff \$25.hr. \$100 for use of Taylor, includes 12 people, with \$10 per additional guest.

Barbara suggested making a “birthday star” for them also, using her program.

Tom made the motion, Dave V. 2nd, approved, with David M. abstaining.

Scholarship in name of Nieman: Discussion about how to generate funds for this science education effort.

Bill will talk with Richard Nieman family about the scholarship idea. Whether for a college ed, or to be used at Mendocino College.

Barbara applied to be a member of the board last year, is now reapplying. Bill has her app.

Fencing and electrical project: \$2100 is due by the end of June. Motion by David M. and 2nd by Tom to authorize payment up to \$2500. Simandi ?? will fix the electrical needs, and Bill will line up sealing the concrete pad.

Reeves photos given to Taylor: Bill will ask Brock/Cynthia about hanging them permanently in the classroom. Also the hang the quote by Hawkings. Emily can do calligraphy, or Barbara suggested a banner.

Girl scout camping: Discussion about what is required for LCOE participation?

Info item: Neighborhood assist program.com. Tom and Dave V. will work on this in the Fall.

Dark Sky Initiative: Dave V. sill talk with Jim Steele about the “whereas” phrasing that needs editing.

New planetarium shows: Eduardo proposed new shows, he will email a list, which will cost \$3000-5000.
Tom proposed looking into renting shows rather than buying.

Website: Barbara has been posting events and asked for Windows speakers ideally 6 mos in advance for timely publicity. Discussion about how to update/pay the SSL less often than every 3 mos.
Tom will talk with Mark (last name) about making a mapping video of Taylor for the website.
Staging and preparations to precede filming.

Mission statement: Barbara will work with Bill to fine tune

Windows to the Universe and public events:

June 4th Sat.

July, move to the 3rd Sat. Barbara will ask Ed if he would do the program.

August, Dark Sky presentation by Bill

September, 3rd Sat, Phil Scherrer

October 13th, Astronomy Days

October date? David Velasquez, Future NASA Missions

October 20, 3rd Sat. International Observe the Moon Night

Future: Sandy Faber, Elisa Qunitara, Stephen Kane x2

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.