

**FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY –
NORTON PLANETARIUM**
MEETING AGENDA – Mon. Oct 8, 2018, 4:45 PM Taylor Classroom

CALL TO ORDER [Haddon]

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

MINUTES REVIEW (Whittlesey)

FINANCIAL REPORT [Markham]

- **Action Items from Previous Meetings**
 - **Taylor History project**
 - **Problems: Electrical in shed; sewer line.**
 - **Investment of \$50,000 in savings/MMF [Markham]**

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. President's report [Haddon]

2. Proposed service for LX-200 Meade 16" telescope [Haddon]

- a. Posting result on 16" LX-200 Yahoo reflector.**
- b. Contact with Christopher Erikson , Summit Consulting, Hawaii**
- c. Request funds for Chris' late Nov/early December visit estimate**
\$375 air; \$250 car; lodging (\$0 or \$350) total = NTE \$1500?
- d. Possible alternate telescope controller from**
Sidereal Technologies (\$3,500 Plus installation by Chris)
Scope would now be under full computer control. (Computer and control software are in hand).
NOTE: this is first serious failure of scope in 18 years of operation.

PROPOSAL: Initiate contract with Christopher Erikson for visit and repair. If scope meets specs consider controller purchase and convert scope to semi-real time computer automation/display. [probable- mirror mounting issue?]

3. Insurance for Friends of Taylor, further discussion

4. Web site security issues (McIntyre)

5. Audit proposal from Carly Pehling Associates [Markham]

6. Public Window to the Universe nights for 2018

- a. Review: Sept Window – Prof Phil Scherrer**
- b. October 20 Window (3rd Sat) – David Velasquez Future Missions Plus International Observe the Moon Night**

7. Dark Sky Initiative – Update

- a. Letter by Jessica Pyska, Cobb Area Council**
- b. Reponse from Jim Steele**

8. KVUSD grant proposal –role of Friends of Taylor Observatory

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