

**FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY –
NORTON PLANETARIUM
AGENDA – Wed. May 8, 2019, 5:00 PM Taylor Classroom**

CALL TO ORDER [Haddon]

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

MINUTES (Whittlesey)

FINANCIAL REPORT [Markham]

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Planetarium show -Apollo 11 Proposal “Dawn of the Space Age (Alatorre)
- Teeter Scope payment – Check cancellation (Markham)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of Officers for 2019/20 Fiscal Year**
 - a. **No formal action if all current officers will continue.**
2. **President’s report [Haddon]**
 - a. **LX-200 Meade 16” telescope (Haddon, Schleif)**
 - b. **Progress on Audit by Carlie Pehling & Associates**
 - c. **Taylor mail list status – 591 names**
 - d. **Work Party for FOTO Shed.**
3. **Taylor Associates.**
 - a. **Associate member category for those who are making/have made special contributions to Taylor Observatory.**
 - b. **How to formalize/recognize associate members. Yearly dinner?**
 - c. **Membership/dues requirements?**
 - d. **Candidates for the first group of Taylor Associates**
4. **Monthly Astronomy Course (Parisi)**
 - a. **Purchase of notes (\$500) approved by email vote (Velasquez, Whittlesey)**
 - b. **Contract with Parisi?**
 - c. **Fees to charge**
 - d. **No-charge student admissions? How recruit?**
5. **Solar Spectroscope construction workshop – Deborah Scherrer**
 - a. Reference: <http://solar-center.stanford.edu/activities/Spectrograph-Assembly-Instructions.pdf>
6. **Window to the Universe and other outreach events**
 - a. **Report Star party for June 1? Clouds. 60 visitors. \$20 donations**
 - b. **June 29 -- Tim Gill: “Celestial Navigation”**
 - c. **July 20 -- Apollo 11 50th anniv. Angelo Parisi lecture(s). Free?**
 - d. **August 24 -- Clear Lake St Pk Campfire Program-- Angelo Parisi**
 - e. **Sept., Oct. Phil Scherrer (probable; Bradley Martin, Ukiah Latitude Obs in Ukiah, confirmed, negotiating date).**
 - f. **Triple Conjunction Saturn/Jupiter, early Dec 2020.**
7. **Purchases for FOTO and Taylor – Telescope mounts – Coronado upgrade**
 - a. **Atlas mount from Orion – 40# load. For Evelyn Norton scope; 10” Newtonian (\$1400)**
 - b. **Small (table-top) RA tracking mount for Coronado Solar Scope**
8. **Dark Sky Initiative**
 - a. **CalPine SkyDome report – in progress [Haddon, Parisi]**
 - b. **Guenoc Valley Development [Velasquez]**
 - c. **Formal Dark Sky Initiative group**
 - i. **Separate organization or FOTO? 501 c 3?**
9. **Other new business**

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