

**FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY –
NORTON PLANETARIUM
AGENDA – Wed. Aug 7, 2019, 5:00 PM Taylor Classroom**

CALL TO ORDER [Gill]

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

MINUTES (Whittlesey)

FINANCIAL REPORT [Markham]

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. President's report [Haddon]**
 - a. Review for Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Celebrations.**
 - b. Oak tree obstructing view at Taylor**

- 2. LX-200/16 Update**
 - a. LX-200 Back in Service (failure was Nov 2018)**
 - b. Attempts at photography (Schleif, Haddon)**
 - c. Payments/compensation to Chris Erikson, Summit Kinetics.**
 - i. Recommend payment, for direct expenses, + donation letter**
 - 1. Parts -- ~\$400. (2 control boards and stepper motor/encoder)**
 - 2. Transportation from Hawaii \$600.**
 - 3. Written report on LX-200, pier and dome with recommendations (\$300)**
 - 4. Donation of services letter with EIN for remainder (4 days 8 hours/day at \$165/hour = \$5,280)**
 - ii. Indirect reimbursement LCOE to FOTO (\$1300)**
 - d. Discuss sale of LX-200/16**

- 3. Monthly Astronomy Course (Parisi)**
 - a. Schedule and Fees. . . \$15/lecture drop in, \$12/lecture for advance ticket book?**
 - i. www.brownpapertickets.com**
 - b. Permissions on use of classroom by outside vendor (Parisi).**
 - c. Publicity**

- 4. Window to the Universe and Special Events**
 - a. Aug 24, CLSP Campfire program – Angelo Big Bang Band Travelling Star Show**
 - b. Sept Martin Bradley – Ukiah Latitude Observatory**
 - c. Oct Prof. Phil Scherrer?**

- 5. Purchases for FOTO and Taylor – Telescope mounts – Coronado upgrade**
 - a. Atlas mount from Orion – 40# load. Evelyn Norton scope; 10” Newtonian (\$1400)**
 - b. Solar Scope upgrade: Haddon submitted grant proposal to Meade – no response yet**
 - c. Astronomy equipment offered by David Velasquez.**
 - d. Planetarium upgrades (Parisi)**

- 6. Governance meeting -- Proposed for October**
 - a. Format and participants.**

- 7. Recommendations viewing in Lake County?**

- 8. Other new business**

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