

FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY –NORTON PLANETARIUM

AGENDA – Thur. Nov 14, 2019, 5:00 PM Taylor Classroom

CALL TO ORDER [Haddon]

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

MINUTES (Whittlesey)

FINANCIAL REPORT [Markham]

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Eyepieces and filter holder for Teeter Scope (Haddon).

NEW BUSINESS.

- 1. President's report [Haddon]**
 - Display of Stars over Konocti quilt.**
- 2. Taylor Telescopes**
 - a. LX-200 continues to function satisfactorily; Chris Erikson accepted payment from LCOE for his repair/upgrade visit in March.**
 - b. Teeter telescope has failed 3 times when at low elevation; Haddon has called Rob Teeter.**
 - c. Solar scope – further discussion**
- 3. Window to the Universe and Special Events**
 - a. Attendance of ~50 at Mercury Transit, Monday Nov 11. Coffee sales by Konocti Coffee (Sean and Katie) was appreciated. Six scopes operating, five from Taylor (4 observation, 1 for video, Schleif). Guest bought a Coronado scope.**
 - b. Showing of Mystery of the Christmas Star – develop schedule.**
 - c. Astronomy course #5 on Nov. 20. Lecture #6 TBA**
 - d. Presentation to Redbud Audubon Society at Taylor – Nov 21. (Prather)**
- 4. Night Vision Enhanced eyepieces (Firebaugh).**
- 5. Planetarium upgrade Software (Parisi)**
- 6. Proposal from Katherine Griffin for astronomy concert Dec 14, in Hidden Valley.**
- 7. Significant \$900 donation received from Jackie Riche of Clearlake Oaks -- \$500 cash and \$400 Celestron SLT-130 Newtonian scope, mount and computer.**
 - a. Propose Galactic level membership (lifetime)**
 - b. Funding letter and training that led to this donation.**
- 8. Proposal to initiate telescope loan program for promising High School students (Haddon). Contract?**
- 9. Proposal to establish Instagram account for FOTO**
- 10. Outreach to private events (Haddon)**
 - a. AirBnB in Lakeport**
- 11. Funding problems at Ukiah Latitude Observatory**

Other new business.

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