

FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY – NORTON PLANETARIUM

MEETING AGENDA – Thurs March 12, 2020, 5:00 PM Taylor Classroom

CALL TO ORDER [Haddon]

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

MINUTES (Whittlesey)

FINANCIAL REPORT [Markham]

Income summary for 2020.

Action Items from Previous Meetings:

Enhanced night vision eyepieces.

Funding needed Digitalis upgrade. . . \$4,950 – \$500 collected - \$1600 pledged = \$2850

Chris Erikson purchase of LX-200 notes; KBA membership

BUSINESS ITEMS

1) President's report (Haddon)

- Meeting with Brock Falenburg, LCOE Superintendent of Schools, Feb 24.
- KV Middle School – Lighting issue
- Guenoc Valley Development project – Lighting plan (Velasquez, Haddon)
- Proposal for Planetarium show/meditation events (Haddon)

2) Telescopes report (Schleif, Haddon)

- Meade 16"; Teeter 18"; 10" Meade Newtonian on Atlas mount
- Ash Dome repairs – done.
- Work project on FOTO Shed, spring; painting, sealing etc.

3) Friday Night Openings

- LCOE will pay Angelo going forward
- FOTO is the sponsor of Friday night events.

4) Re-write FOTO By-Laws?

5) FOTO Window to the Universe Events and other special events

- Feb 14 Valentine's Day Special Event "Love Stories of the Night Sky" (Parisi)
- February 22 Dr. Mark Marley, NASA Ames Research Center
- March 21 Mackenzie Markham, Student presentation
- April 18 Dr. Margaret Race, SETI
- May June July ??
- Aug 11 Perseid meteor shower – free event at Taylor?
- August 15 – Clear Lake State Park Angelo and Terry performing + telescopes
- October David Velasquez NASA missions.
- Future speakers? Mary Holt, Morrison; Prof Phil Scherrer, Stanford; Dan Werthimer, SETI

6) Major projects for 2020

- Replacement of LX-200
Candidate Scope: Rowe-Ackerman Schmidt Astrograph (Celestron)
- Charles Nieman Solar Observation Laboratory – Permission to proceed obtained.

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