

FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY –NORTON PLANETARIUM
AGENDA – Thur. January 9, 2020, 5:00 PM Taylor Classroom

CALL TO ORDER [Haddon]

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

MINUTES (Whittlesey)

FINANCIAL REPORT [Markham]

1) President's report (Haddon)

- Visit to Jacksonville, FL Planetarium, Jacksonville Museum of Science Nov 2019
- Morrison Planetarium in SF on Jan 6, 2020
- FOTO in 2020 -- Projects, emphasis, goals

2) Purchase of Digitalis Software upgrade completed (\$16,750). (Haddon)

- Authorization by email vote of FOTO BOD on Dec 23, 2019.
- Funding for purchase: LCOE \$6,000, FOTO \$6,000, Residual: \$5,750
- Funding sources for remaining \$5,750:
 - \$2100 has been pledged
 - Membership drive to provide remainder, \$3,650?

3) Report on first six weeks of Astronomy course (Parisi, Prather)

4) Status of Telescopes Meade 16"; Teeter 18"; 10" Meade Newtonian on Atlas mount

- Instruction on Meade for Emily and Elisa Prather and Angelo Parisi
- New eyepieces for Teeter received

5) FOTO Public Nights

- January 25 Need speaker. (FOTO member?)
- February 22 Dr. Mark Marley, NASA Ames Research Center
- March ? (new moon Tue 21st)
- April 18 Dr. Margaret Race, SETI
- May? (new moon Fri 22nd)

Possible speakers:

- Mackenzie Markham, Dark Matter
- Stephen Gottlieb (SF TAC group -- Jan 15 talk in SF on NGC and IC projects)
- Speaker from Morrison Planetarium

6) Friday openings of Taylor Observatory (Prather, Parisi)

7) Enhanced ("Night Vision") telescope Eyepieces (Firebaugh)

8) Solar telescope project.

9) Dark Sky Initiative Plans for 2020 (Haddon).

- Former Supervisor Steele agreed to serve on LC Dark Skies Committee.