

FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY – NORTON PLANETARIUM

Tentative agenda for Wed, June 9 FOTO Meeting in Taylor Classroom

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER (Haddon)

- Prior minutes
- Introduce guests
- TREASURER's REPORT (Markham)
- PRESIDENT's REPORT
 - Accomplishments for 2020/21 year:
 - Updated software and hardware for Planetarium Projector (Jan/Feb 2020) (FOTO \$15,000, LCOE \$3,000?)
 - Agreement to open Taylor Friday nights (cancelled by LCOE).
 - Dark Sky Lectures via Zoom- Haddon Aug-Dec 2020
 - Clearlake Rotary
 - CTA - County Tourism Ambassadors
 - Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary
 - Lakeport Rotary
 - New Sound System for Planetarium/ Feb 2021 (Schleif, Parisi) (FOTO and LCOE split cost)
 - Zoom Window to the Universe Meeting with Live Telescope views (Schleif)
 - Established the F-STAR Program - Foto Student Telescope Astronomy
- Resource
 - Mountain View Middle School lighting problem partially remedied (see item below)

PERSPECTIVE and GOALS for 2021/2.

- "Thank you" to LCOE, Rob Young in particular, for maintaining Taylor (Classroom, Planetarium and Grounds) in excellent and safe condition over the many Pandemic months.
- The Shade Canyon Waldorf School at Peace and Plenty Farm (Melinda Price) & (Haddon, Gill)

AGENDA ITEMS

- ELECTION of FOTO Officers for 2021/22
- MOUNTAINVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL LIGHTING (Haddon, Gill)
 - Meeting with Dave McQueen, KVSD Superintendent (Haddon, Velasquez, Rob Young, Tim Gill)
 - Contractor adjustment of lights (partial solution)
 - Proposal for translucent screening as used for baseball diamonds.
 - effectiveness data (Haddon)

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STAFFING CHANGES - LCOE/TAYLOR (Alatorre and ??)

POSSIBLE NEW BOD MEMBER - Elena Bloomquist

WINDOW TO THE UNIVERSE - Resumption

- August 14 Perseid Meteor Shower with Angelo's band (He's committed to it).
- Probably Clear Lake State Park.

FUNDRAISING EVENT PROPOSED - Raise money for LX-200 16" Meade replacement

- The Eli Stage Stop (Lake County Historical Society) is enthusiastic about an event there, maybe September or October.
- Catered dinner.
- High Profile Lecturer [Geoff Marcy]
- Telescope viewing.

DARK SKIES DEVELOPMENTS AND PLANS (Velasquez, Haddon)

MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2020/21

- Replace the LX-200 scope with a camera based Celestron (?) RASA scope. (RASA = Rowe Ackerman Schmidt Astrograph)

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