

**FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY –
NORTON PLANETARIUM**

Board of Directors

**Observatory Taylor Classroom
5725 Oak Hills Ln, Kelseyville, CA 95451**

MEETING AGENDA – Wednesday October 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER [Gill]

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

AGENDA APPROVAL

MINUTES [McIntyre]

FINANCIAL REPORT [Markham]

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1) President's Report (Gill)
 - a. FOTO Bylaws, Vote to approve
 - b. Konocti USD Blue Zones Event Update
 - c. Rob Young – LCOE

- 2) FOTO Window to the Universe Events and other special events (All)

- 3) Purchase of Accounting Software (All)

- 4) Discussion: Lake County Astronomical Society (All)

- 5) Discussion: FOTO Web Site Hosting (All)

- 6) LCOE/Lake County Schools Update (Jennifer, Angelo and Eduardo)
 - Please see the back side of this agenda for a report from Jennifer Kelly

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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Hi All,

Rob Young, LCOE Director of Operations, would like to attend your meeting. I think he would like to talk about the telescope and perhaps just check in.

Please share the info below for agenda item 6.

6) LCOE/Lake County Schools Update (Jennifer & Angelo)

Amanda Fox PhD is the Dean of Centers for the Mendocino College. We discussed briefly a partnership with Taylor and Mendo astronomy course internships. Mendocino college does offer astronomy courses at both their Ukiah and Lake Center campuses. She also mentioned possible cooperative work experiences courses where students can earn college credits for internships. Is FOTO interested in partnering with LCOE and Mendo to make this happen? LCOE would be the connecting piece, but the majority of the internship work, I am visualizing, would involve FOTO community events.

Taylor Field Trips and Outreach since the September board meeting:

- Model car engineering challenge: four visits (two classes, Upper Lake High, Physics class)
- Multiple field trips scheduled for October and November

Angelo is working on the parking lot solar system and created a Directory of Planetarium Shows

The planetarium projector has arrived!! It is currently in a box in the classroom and Kevin Mack (LCOE, Director of Information Technology) plans to start the install on Thursday, October 13 (as long as no IT emergencies pop up to delay the installation.)

We have ordered an Artemis SLS model rocket and an Apollo 11 Saturn V model rocket for Taylor education programs. These rockets will be available for FOTO use as well.

LCOE is utilizing Taylor more often for non-science related workshops. It is important that FOTO has their **events placed on the LCOE Room Reservation website** so there will not be conflicts. Even though these workshops will be held during the day, there might be conflict in the future, with FOTO members trying to get ready for an evening event. I can do the reservations for FOTO. Please let me know dates as soon as you know them.

- I reserved Taylor for the October 22 FOTO Window to the Universe Webb event. I reserved Taylor for the whole day so FOTO members can arrive early to get ready.
- I think there is a mistake on the FOTO events website for the Window to the Universe Artemis event. On one spot it says Friday November 18 at 9 am and the other spot November 19. I am guessing the November 19 (Saturday) date is correct and reserved Taylor for FOTO for the entire day. (November 18 is a Friday and there is a field trip scheduled for Taylor on this day.)

Thanks,
Jennifer