

Friends of Taylor Observatory ~ Norton Planetarium

Board of Directors Weds, 27th July 2022 Minutes Taylor Observatory Classroom

Called to order (Gill) at 5:06pm.

Present: Tim Gill, Angelo Parisi, Bill Haddon, David Markham, David Velasquez, Eduardo Alatorre, Emily Whittlesey
Guest: Michael McKeown

Minutes from last meeting not available.

Financial Report (David Markham)

Tax forms completed. Checking \$3052.51, Savings \$52,214.89

BUSINESS ITEMS

1) President's report (Gill)

- a. FOTO Bylaws not yet transcribed. Emily volunteered to do will email to board members
- b. PO Box renewal done by Bill in May, not due again until May 2023
Bill gave PO Box keys to Tim.
- c. Blue Zones Lake Co. Project

KV schools and Upper Lake are certified, Konocti schools in process. KV Rotary in.

GOAL is to Make living a healthy lifestyle easier in Lake Co and integrate with others who are doing so.

David Velasquez asked about benefits etc. for Taylor to become certified also. Discussion followed, certification will carry some weight in the county, a plus for Taylor, supporting not only educational aspects but healthy activity.

Tim will ask Exec. Director to arrange someone to come talk to FOTO about certification.

- d. Email list for FOTO June 25th event visitors; new folks signed up for email. List given to Eduardo.
Bill mentioned that he had built the list to 605 names!
Michael suggested using Mailchimp to easily transfer Bill's CSV file to Eduardo.

2) FOTO Windows to the Universe and other special events

- a. AUGUST 6TH, Michael INVITED ALL to a star party at Cobb Mt. Pine Grove.
- b. AUGUST 20th, Clear Lake State Park. Free. Bring telescopes, setup 7pm, event start 8pm.
Tim will give a short talk about FOTO. And Perseids. Eduardo is the contact with State Park.
Michael offered to talk about scopes if needed.
- c. SEPTEMBER 17TH at Taylor, MacKenzie Markham will talk about Dark Matter. David Markham to confirm. (Moon is up at 11:43, observation good by 8pm.)
- d. OCTOBER 22nd, at Taylor, David Velasquez will talk about the James Webb telescope. (Moon is up at 5:27am so it will be a dark night.)
- e. NOVEMBER 19TH at Taylor, Eduardo will talk about the test run of the Orion space launch Artemis. (Observation time good by 6:30pm)

- f. PLANETARIUM UPDATE for these events: Hopefully parts ordered by Rob will be here by the Sept 17th event. Dave Velasquez mentioned he has seen Brock who wanted an invoice for LCOE SOON; but someone needs to follow up with Rob.
3. LCOE update. Angelo and Eduardo said classes going well at Taylor.
4. FOTO telescope maintenance to be explored tonight after the meeting, Eduardo and Michael.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Tom Schleif has been using a donated scope at his new home in Wisconsin, a Celestron C-8 of limited use to FOTO. FOTO will sell the scope to Tom for a negotiated price as recommended by CFO David Markham.

MOTION: by David Velasquez to sell the telescope to Tom for \$50. Motion 2nd by Eduardo. All voted in favor.

Michael suggested starting, guiding, formation of a Lake Co. Astronomy club. Angelo will ask LCOE if meetings can be held at Taylor. (Michael proposed easy to not have a rental to pay, hence no club membership dues necessary).

Meeting adjourned at 6:05?

Motion to adjourn David Velasquez, 2nd Eduardo, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Whittlesey (for Barbara)

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