

**FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY –  
NORTON PLANETARIUM  
Board of Directors**

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

**Meeting Minutes – March 2023**

NOTE: This was a member-called meeting in the President's absence. There was a quorum, so "official". BOD approved \$312 to Bill H. for past web and other expenses. Bill to send receipts to David M.

1) The group agreed to a Windows event on Saturday April 22 preceded by an April 10 FOTO meeting

-- Angelo and Eduardo to set it up

-- Bill gave Angelo a list of four possible speakers (or we could do just planetarium and telescope viewing).

-- Eduardo will work on restarting the Meade Scope

-- Bill will try to get the controller for the Teeter fixed.

2) Angelo -- will do a musical presentation, for sure at Clear Lake State Park in Aug (Perseids meteors), but maybe earlier at Taylor

-- Bill noted that his group's astronomy songs have been extremely popular

-- Angelo noted that Perseids are near new moon this years

3) Planetarium shows are described on a Google Doc, available on LCOE website (Angelo)

3) Web page (Bluehost)

On Tuesday after the meeting Bill contacted Bluehost to extend the Web subscription for [friendsoftaylor.org](http://friendsoftaylor.org) by one year (\$152.88)

It remains on Bill's CC, now updated.

We are assuming Eduardo is managing the web page and the FOTO mail list.

4) By-Laws

Bill discussed a modified version of proposed By-Laws for voting at next meeting

-- Emily will send Bill some suggested updates he may have missed.

-- Bill will submit a revised write-up prior to April 10, which will include Tim Gill's request for a Leave of Absence.

-- David M suggested we retain key elements of the By-Laws originally prepared by the LCOE attorney (Mr. Drummond)"

-- NOTE: Tim Gill remains President during his requested LOA -- for now the group will have an "ad-hoc" leader.

-- Emilly W. is serving as acting Secy when Barbara is unable to attend.

**-- Tim, we need to get a brief letter from you requesting the LOA (proposed by us to be 6 months with one 4-month extension possible by BOD vote).** During LOA, Tim will be a non-voting member of the FOTO Board.

5) David M. reported

-- Investment account (First Interstate Bank, "FIB") is earning 3.14% per year (=Pi).

-- \$52,936 in FIB account

-- Umpqua balance = \$3707.83

**Action items for April 10 FOTO meeting.**

**-- Plan April 20 event**

**-- Discuss/vote on By-Laws**

**-- Approve Tim Gill's LOA request.**

**-- Discuss funding astronomy books for the Lake County Library [we decided long ago that the astronomy "library" should be in the public library system, not a Taylor observatory but never followed up with a specific program]**