

FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY – NORTON PLANETARIUM

Board of Directors

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

MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 14, 2023, 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 5:06 PM

ATTENDEES - Tim Gill, Angelo Parisi, Bill Haddon, Eduardo Alatorre, David Markham, Barbara McIntyre

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: Chris Nettles via Zoom, Christopher Veach, David Hicks (Juan Leal's neighbor interested in FOTO);

AGENDA REVIEW

MINUTES [Barbara]

- Approve minutes for 8/31/23 meeting; Bill Haddon motioned to approve; David Markham 2nd motion

FINANCIAL REPORT – David Markham received a Non-Profit form from State Attorney General. He filled it out and mailed it back. David received a check for membership from David Hicks. A check to the Lake County Library was agreed upon by all Board Members.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Election of New FOTO Board of Directors Member - Interview with Chris Nettles via Zoom. After the interview and Chris Nettles left Zoom, Angelo Parisi motioned to have Chris as a member; Juan Leal 2nd the motion and all present members agreed.
2. New Telescope Setup and Decision - Bill Haddon provided a handout on the recommendation for our new telescope. An estimate of \$37,900 was presented with net cost being \$29,900 after deducting the sale of the Meade (\$8,000) After some discussion on the classroom setup, it was decided that more information on the High Resolution Display Dimensions, cost and availability of components is needed.
3. FOTO Partnership with Lake County Library- Christopher Veach (Director for All Libraries in Lake County) discussed how books are evaluated based of checkouts/repeat checkouts. Also discussed Audio book checkout using the Hoopla App and Libby App. A back-and-forth discussion with Board members, on how to attract audience, ended with all board members pleased with the approach. Christopher stated that \$1500 would provide 100 hard cover books. Audio books are more expensive with term limits and renewal.
Bill Haddon asked if the Friends of Taylor would be recognized for the donation via a press release or other way. Christopher said they could provide a plaque in the area where the Astronomy/STEM books are located.
All board members were on board with the annual \$1500 donation.

4. Future Events – Angelo Parisi will be sending Eduardo Alatorre and Barbara McIntyre the Event information to post on the FOTO website and Facebook. So far, we have Equinox on Sept. 22 and Earth to the Universe on Sept. 28th with plans for Eclipse on October 14th.

5. Election of FOTO Board of Directors Officers for 2023-24 –
Tim Gill resigned as President stating many other commitments with schools and student non-profits. David Markham resigned as Financial Officer due to commitments with Superior Court. Bill mentioned he would not be leaving Lake County soon and could do another 6 months as President.
After some discussion... the following was voted on.
President – Bill Haddon
Vice President – Eduardo Alatorre – Membership and Communication
Financial Officer – Juan Leal
Secretary – Barbara McIntyre
Board Members – Angelo Parisi; Emily Whittlesey; David Markham; Chris Nettles

OTHER NEW BUSINESS - none

NEXT MEETING: October 11th 5pm

ADJOURN: 6:20pm Barbara McIntyre motioned meeting closed; David Markham 2nd the motion; All agreed.