

FRIENDS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY – NORTON PLANETARIUM

MEETING AGENDA – Monday 8/19/24, 5:00 PM Taylor Classroom

**CALL TO ORDER [Haddon (Interim President)]
INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
MINUTES (McIntyre)
FINANCIAL REPORT (Haddon)**

- Bluehost (internet) Bills -- Haddon Credit card on account.
- Umpqua acct: \$6,500
- First Interstate Bank: ~25,000

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Officers for 2024/2025

- a) Haddon continue as Interim Pres pending VA move.
- b) Vice President – Eduardo Alatorre
- c) Treasurer / CFO Propose Logan Hill
We need to put Logan on the account (letter so authorizing)
- d) Secretary – Barbara McIntyre

2. 2023 tax forms bank account

- a) Three forms due: IRS 990, California FTB, Secy of State CA. (every 2 years)
- b) Folder of accounting and tax information received from David Markham
- c) Deadline for all three forms is November 15

3. Repair of the Ash Dome Shutter (Rob Young)

4. Donations of Telescope and Books from Prof. Phil Scherrer and Deborah Scherrer (Haddon, Hill)

- a) Numerous books donated to the Lake County library.
- b) Additional books available for Taylor Observatory – save or sell.
- c) An 8” Dobsonian Telescope Personally evaluated by John Dobson.

5. Possible Donation – equipment and photos from family of Mr. Roy Osterberg (Haddon)

Angelo was contacted by Ms. Mary Benson, who is selling the Osterberg house including the astronomical observatory at 2900 Oakmont in Clearlake Oaks.

If the buyer does not want to purchase the observatory equipment, it is available for donation to Friends of Taylor Observatory.

The “centerpiece items” are the Astrophysics 1100GTO German Equatorial Mount and a Meade 12” Schmidt-Cassegrain ACF Scope (OTA only). The value of these two items is about \$12,000 plus a guide scope, three cameras (two ZWO and one SBIG). Maybe \$20,000 total.

Bill Haddon has held extensive discussions with Matt Osterberg about the donation,

which is conditional on a named recognition for Roy Osterberg. Could be a solar observatory.

6. Proposed Solar Observatory honoring Roy Osterberg

-Separate building adjacent to FOTO shed; role-off-roof

- NexDome	\$6,595
- Concrete pad for building	\$2,000
- Labor costs – sheetrock, wiring etc	\$6,000
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- Solar telescope -- use Coronado Scope initially	
- Telescope Mount	\$1,500
- Camera, use donated ZWO camera	0
- Computer , etc	\$2,000
-Approx total cost:	\$18,000

7. OCTOBER - Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS (C2023/A3)

-- Late October , West/SW

-- Constellation Ophiuchus, ~30 degrees elevation

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Big Read – NEA Big Read Invitation to Partner / review forwarded Georgina Guardado Email
- 2) Next Event ?
- 3)

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