

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Mid Hudson Astronomical Association,

September 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Willie Yee in the Coykendale Auditorium at SUNY, New Paltz, NY.

The minutes of the last meeting were not available and approval was deferred.

Officer's Reports:

Membership: Caryn Sobel was not present.

Treasurer: Karen Tulchinski was present. See the latest report as published in the newsletter.

Publicity: Paul Chauvet was present. Send him info on public events. Our MeetUp membership was renewed.

Webmaster: Paul Chauvet was present. No issues known.

Outreach:

- **Winnakee Land Trust** – Thursday, October 5. Jack Chastain coordinating. It is at Burger Hill near routes 9 and 9G in Rhinebeck.
- **Moon walk on Walkway Bridge** – Saturday, October 7. Jack Chastain coordinating.
- **Saugerties High School** – Friday, October 13. Jack Chastain coordinating.
- **Olana** – October 21. Willie coordinating. Needs a presentation.
- **Observe the Moon Night at SUNY New Paltz** – October 28, time TBD.
- **Observe the Moon Night at Pine Plains Library** – Paul Chauvet to get details.
- **Full Moon Night at the Rhinebeck Library** – Paul Chauvet to check on details.
- **Observe the Moon Night** – October 28. Coordinated by Jack and Ken at a private farm. Details TBD.
- **Dudley Observatory STEAM Festival, Schenectady** – November 11. Offering us a table if we want to participate.
- **Pine Plains Library** – date TBD. Solar viewing and presentations. Ken Bailey coordinating.
- **Sam's Point** – Date TBD

Upcoming programs: The following information was shared:

- TBD

Old Business:

- Reminder that we have 4 club telescopes to lend to interested members.
- Jack told us that the club's 13.1" DOB has been upgraded with a JMI powered 2" focuser.

New Business:

- Is there any interest in mirror making? Bob Trzinski is volunteering his basement.
- Eric Myers is cleaning and cataloging old physics gear at SUNY. He has already come across a lens grinder and an old telescope. He is looking for help identifying and sorting items..
- Officer nominations are needed for next year. Willie will NOT be running for president, so new leadership is needed. Please volunteer your talents.

Observing Reports:

- (none reported)

Visitors/New Members:

There were about 27 people in attendance at the end of the business meeting including 4 new attendees who were welcomed.

The meeting was adjourned at about 7:55 PM. The next meeting is on October 17th.

The presentations that followed at 8:00 PM were several members' experiences of the Total Solar Eclipse. Presenters included Bill Walsh, Jack Chastain, Eric Myers, Willie Yee, Joe Macagne, and Karl Loatman.

Submitted by James Rockrohr, October 16th, 2017.