

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

December 8, 2017

Location: Bruce Norlund's House

Present: Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh, Bruce Norlund, Russ Dean

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: December: \$1,829.17 - November: \$1,531.81.

Upcoming Events:

- *Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob or Gabe.
- December observing this Saturday the 9th at 7pm at the Sullivan Observatory - cancelled.
- The Geminids Meteor Shower expected to occur December 13th starting around 9pm.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 7pm the Keene State College in the Young Student Center, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs next monthly observing is scheduled for January 20th at 6:30pm at the Dublin Observatory.
- Jaffrey children's library has a 4 week after school astronomy program that Susan will be conducting for elementary thru high school students. Each 1-hour session will take place during the four Wednesday's from January 24th to February 14th starting at 3:30pm. She hopes to incorporate making a scaled down solar system, use of a spectroscope, use of a solar scope and other hands on activities.

Old Business:

- Vinyl Siding - Bruce acquired an \$800 quote from Home Depot for the parts needed for installing the white vinyl siding to the four main walls of the observatory. Bruce also demo'd the basics of installing the starter strips/j channels/trim/vinyl siding as we plan to put it up ourselves.
- No new programs started last month.
- Bob is continuing work on the AL Moon program. Has 45 more items to get out of 100.
- Please email Bob, Carol or Gabe if you have a presentation you would like to do or have a topic you would like us to present on the night sky, telescopes and etc. At this time we have no topic for the December meeting so we're open to suggestions.

New Business:

- 2018 calendar was be submitted and discussed
- We were joined by Russ Dean, a friend of Bruce's, who lives in Turner Falls, MA. He is a retired banker and already knows some constellations. He is interested in becoming a member.
- We received an email from Kirk Enstrom who is the Digital Managing Editor for WMUR in NH. He is writing some astronomy stories for the upcoming Geminids Meteor Shower and NH light pollution initiatives. Bob responded to his inquiry.
- Carol gave a great talk on the December constellation's mythology - Aries, Perseus, Triangulum
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for December" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: December 2017" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.