

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

February 16, 2018

**Location:** KSC

**Present:** Jim Faux, Phinie Faux, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: February: \$1,919.00 - January: \$1,889.17.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- *Stay tuned for possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob or Gabe.*
- February observing Saturday the 17th at 7:00pm at the Sullivan Observatory. — *Cancelled*
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at 7pm the Keene State College in the Young Student Center, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs next monthly observing is scheduled for March 24th at 7pm at the Sullivan Observatory, weather permitting.
- The Keene Public Library Astronomy Lecture series is not yet finalized, however the following lectures have been scheduled:
  - Tuesday, February 27th at 7pm - *Astronomy Film: The Farthest* - (a Voyager documentary)
  - Tuesday, April 3rd at 7pm - Claudio Veliz Astronomy Lecture Series
  - Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm - *Mapping the Heavens* with Priyamvada Natarajan
- Dublin Observing - *Tentatively scheduled for April.*

#### **Old Business:**

- Jaffrey children's library's 4 week after school astronomy program that Susan conducted is now complete. *Look for a review of the event on the KAA website.*
- Jim performed updates the the KAA website; including consolidating current news, removal of some older content (photos, minutes) to make room for new content. He will also be moving the hosting of the KAA website to GitHub in the spring, which will allow for an increase from 150MB to 1GB of free storage space.
- 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. We plan to put it up ourselves in the summer.

- 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 next meeting so we're open to suggestions.

### **New Business:**

- Jim did a write up he will submit to the Night Sky Network on KAA and its Library outreach and involvement. Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.
- The December issue of the AL's Reflector Magazine includes an award recognition for Bob Taylor for the completion of his Constellation Hunter program. Congratulations Bob!
- The KPL has sponsored an online learning program at [universalclass.com](http://universalclass.com), which includes an Astronomy 101 free course.
- KAA was contacted by the Sullivan board regarding light pollution and night skies. They are looking to implement a lighting ordinance in Sullivan and are looking for local astronomers to help make the case at the March 7 board meeting.
- Received an email from a recent FAA retiree David Killmer from Rindge. He is looking to attend a club meeting and see what we are all about. David has some knowledge of telescopes and is looking to acquire a Meade or Celestron SCT.
- Carol gave a great talk on the February constellation's mythology - Auriga, Gemini, Monoceros.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for February " - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: February 2018" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.