

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

January 19, 2018

**Location:** Jim & Phinie Faux's House

**Present:** Jim Faux, Phinie Faux, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh, Bruce Norlund, Paul O'Neil

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: January: \$1,889.17 - December: \$1,829.17.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- *Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob or Gabe.
- January observing this Saturday the 20th at 7:30pm at the Dublin Observatory. - *Tentatively postponed til April.*
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 7pm the Keene State College in the Young Student Center, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs next monthly observing is scheduled for February 17th at 7pm at the Sullivan Observatory, weather permitting.
- 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.
- The Keene Public Library Astronomy Lecture series is not yet finalized, and will most likely occur mid March to mid April instead of mid February to mid March.

#### **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. 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:**

- Bruce initiated a brief discussion on SpaceX's secretive Zuma launch.
- Jim covered two topics pertaining to the KAA website:
  - 1) The current hosting provider Polur.Net and possible alternatives due to continued communication issues.
  - 2) A review of the entire site; what was considered pertinent information to keep vs what could be removed to free up some storage space as we are reaching our 150MB limit.
- Gabe read a brief article on "the number of stars, and a funny coincidence?".
- Carol gave a great talk on the January constellation's mythology - Orion, Camelopardalis, Taurus.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for January" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: January 2018" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.