

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

May 25, 2018

Location: Sullivan Observatory

Time: 7:15pm - 8:00pm

Present: Bob Taylor, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: May: \$1,919.00 - April: \$1,919.00.

Upcoming Events:

- *Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob, Carol or Gabe.
- May 23rd, rain dates 24th and 25th for Alison Henry's 6th grade class from the Monadnock Waldorf School observing session at Sullivan starting at 8pm.
- Charlie Wagner from the Keene Unitarian Church is scheduled for observing on the 25th, but may include them with Alison's kids as weather is iffy for Friday. I will also include a couple from CALL a Bob Immier and wife along with all others on our email list.
- May 26th at 3pm KAA will conduct a second telescope training at Keene Library.
- Sullivan Observatory work session scheduled for June 9th or 10th at 9am. Mowing & tree trimming.
- Our next club meeting & observing session has been rescheduled for June 23rd at 8pm the Sullivan Observatory.

Old Business:

- Reminder: The KPL has sponsored an online learning program at **universalclass.com**, which includes an Astronomy 101 free course.
- Awaiting results from Jim's write up to the Night Sky Network on KAA and its Library outreach and involvement. Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.
- Bob is continuing work on the AL Moon program. Has 35 more items to get out of 100.
- Observatory Work:
 - Vinyl Siding Update: Bob and Gabe completed installation of the vinyl siding on all 4 walls on Saturday and Sunday May 26th and 27th.
 - Bruce and Bob met at Home depot April 9th and met with Bob Lemieux with HD and we went over the quantity of material required and the updated reduced cost for the siding. Bob then generated a revised vinyl siding quote which came at \$568,78.

- 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:

- Bob paid the Sullivan taxes of \$27.00.
- Bob performed the telescope training on May 14th with the Keene Library loaner telescope. It went very well with 5 adults and 1 young man in attendance. They all asked really great question and got to use the telescope to find objects on telephone poles. The boy and his mother had checked out the telescope so given the clear skies tonight I'm hopeful they got a good look at Venus and Jupiter.
- Bob performed a 2nd telescope training on May 26th. The loaner telescope training at KPL went okay this afternoon with 3 adults and 5 kids attending.
- Peggy and the Fresh Air Kids observing session tentatively planned for mid July between the 10th and 24th.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for May " - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: May 2018" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.
- Club Viewing Reports: Gabe observed Jupiter and the great red spot, Venus in almost a full phase, and the moon on day 4 (iPhone picture below held up to eyepiece).

