

KAA November 20, 2009 business meeting summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items to be tackled next spring are:
 - a. The installation of the new roof track support brackets
 - b. Fix driveway potholes and remove remaining stones
 - c. Remove wood debris to the dump
 - d. Finish clean-up of tree removal
 - e. Install stone at base of roof support posts
 - f. Paint top of steel posts
 - g. Install concrete base and roof track support member in northwest corner.
 - h. Install handrail for steps.
 - i. Install red light at entrance.
 - j. Check on putting in an entrance ramp.
 - k. Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation during next spring's work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed next summer.
 - l. Procure new step stool for viewing access.
 - m. Install red tape on entrance cable.
 - n. Widen driveway entrance.
 - o. Put hedge along west side. Blue spruce, hemlock.
- 2) Club to look into procuring plaques for Phil, Jack and others and to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaques. This process is in the planning stage.
- 3) The October presentation by Keith on "how to observe using the new finder scope installed on the 12 1/2" Newtonian telescope and a video on how to open the observatory is postponed until next spring. Keith however, did conduct a program in his classroom, using the Internet to determine the crater sizes on the moon using "lunarrepublic.com" and Microsoft word.
- 4) December's topic will be a discussion on black holes.
- 5) The work party dinner was held on Friday October 23rd at Papagallos restaurant at 6:30pm. We had a wonderful time at the dinner and thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet and talk with Jeff and Cindy and Mike and Jennifer Brooks.
- 6) KAA would like to generate a list of the past club officers and post them in the history section of our web site. This will require input from both Junie and Keith. Junie and I will generate a list of names by the November business meeting. My list was issued to Junie and Keith for their input.
- 7) The Keene Public Library has set aside four Thursday's in February to host astronomy presentations in their auditorium. Before our November business meeting we need to meet with Gail to work out the details of what topics and presenters we need to contact. Jim Fox will contact Gail on the date and time to meet. Jim Faux to check on possible past SOVERA speakers. One NASA topic still outstanding is on Supernova's. We are scheduled to meet with Gail on Nov. 23rd at 12:30 at Panera's in Keene.
- 8) Keith indicated he talked with a Jon Udell whom is working on a local project called the "elmcity" project. He would like local organizations with web page calendars set up so that when they post on their calendars it shows up on the local event calendar. Perhaps the Keene Sentinel would host this community calendar on its web page. Keith is still pursuing this with Jon. This process is completed and we are now tied into the local event calendar.
- 9) Keith submitted a formal proposal for conducting a beginner workshop on how to "Observe with a Dobsonian Telescope", which was approved by the members. The details of the workshop will be worked out in the following months. Classes are to start next April.
- 10) KAA to continue checking into personal and car liability insurance for club. I am pursuing this request. It was determined that the cost of insurance is prohibitive and our main focus is to make the observatory as safe as possible giving the nighttime conditions.
- 11) The three Dobsonian telescope bases to be built for Junie's three donated six-inch f/8 telescopes will take place after December. The plywood, formica and other materials have been located and Jim's

brother may be able to make the cutouts for the bases. We hope to have the construction schedule finalized at our December business meeting.

12) The 2010 business meeting and observing schedule will be finalized at the December meeting.

13) The 2010 dues are now due and the costs are the same as last year.