

KAA February 15, 2013 business meeting summary

On-going Business

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the March 15th meeting are: 6 & in this section and all items under *New Business* below.
- 2) The next Observatory work session will be scheduled for next spring. The date to be determined.
 - a. Spring 2013 - loppers to continue to cut tree saplings along west side stonewall.
 - b. Apply Chreocoat on base plates and roof support members.
 - c. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to procure stones.
 - d. Finish removing saplings along west side of observatory.
 - e. Junie will fabricate and install new roof retainer brackets ASAP.
 - f. Procure and install new 1/8" cables for opening and closing the observatory roof. (Spring 2013)
 - g. Replace portions of existing roll off roof deteriorating wood beams. (Spring 2013)
 - h. Scrape and paint outside of observatory. On hold pending obtaining new siding.
- 3) The Six Dobsonian telescope bases and side supports are in Junie's possession. Some assembly issues, per Junie, have arisen on the prototype. Until they are corrected the date for assembling all of the bases is on hold.
- 4) The Obsession telescope issue:
 - a. The Obsession was checked out and determined that the primary mirror needs to be moved closer to the secondary mirror. There is also a possibility that the secondary mirror maybe undersized. This mirror primary correction and secondary mirror checkout will be done in the spring.
- 5) It was determined that the Observatory siding should be up graded to vinyl but the process of doing it needs to be ironed out. We have a order request into ReNew in Bratt for used vinyl siding. If we have to purchase new siding it will need to be done in stages do to the \$750 cost. Considerations:
 - One side per year – minimize cost
 - Vinyl side of the square walls of the observatory; scrape/prime/paint the A-of-the-roof sides
 - What is outside help?
Local optic? – Bruce
 - Putnam Foundation
- 6) Jim Fox to contact Jonathan Weis at Dublin to see how things are going with their telescope and the astronomy program.
- 7) The tool kits vary in their usage some are more designed for a science school curriculum and some are designed for handouts at astronomy events. We will be pursuing both these possibilities.
- 8) Jim Fox and Bruce each took one of the newest NSN tool kits in January to review in depth for discussion at our February meeting, but they were both unable to attend the February meeting so the review will now take place at our March 15th meeting at KSC starting at 7:30pm.
- 9) Bob received a wonderful promotional wall space calendar and desk calendar from "The Planetary Society". If you're interested in these items they can be viewed and purchased at "explore.planetary.org". We will be raffling them off at the next KPL astronomy event February 21st at 7pm.
- 10) We are presently looking at Friday April 19th for our annual spring dinner at Papagallos.

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Completed Items

- 1) **KAA archive slides** – The slides from Junie have been reviewed a second time and the ones pertinent to KAA, which is about 100, will be digitized. The Stellafane slides will not be digitized. **Bob was able to get 95-35mm slides digitizing at Wall Mart for a very good price, a quick turn around, with very good quality.**
- 2) It was determined that the monthly topics would be on what to look for in the sky the following month.

New Business

- 1) Bob is to transfer the KAA slides now on CD to Jim Faux so he can put some of them up on our web site.
- 2) A viewing of the comet Pan-Stars is tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 16th at the Otter Brook Dam at 7:30pm. On Thursday Feb 21 we will talk to Gail about KPL doing the viewing with us so we can get the word out to the public through the library.
- 3) Jim and Phinie have received another tool kit from NSN and have given it to Bob for review. The kit appears to have plenty of literature that could be given out at the KPL astronomy presentations.
- 4) Bob instructed Cub Scouts to earn their astronomy Belt Loop and Pin at KPL Friday Feb 15th.