

KAA May 17, 2013 business meeting summary

On-going Business

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the June 21th meeting at Junie's are: 2 - c, e, f and 4 thru 8 and all of the new business items.
- 2) **The Observatory work session is scheduled for May 18th. The work to be tackled will be determined at the May business meeting.**
 - a. Apply Chrecoat on base plates and roof support members.
 - b. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to procure stones.
 - c. Finish removing saplings along west side of observatory. **75% Completed**
 - d. Junie will fabricate and install new roof retainer brackets when he can.
 - e. Procure and install new 1/8" cables for opening and closing the observatory roof. (Spring 2013)
 - f. Replace portions of existing roll off roof deteriorating wood beams. (Spring 2013)
 - g. 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. **Brackets need to be fabricated (by Junie when time permits) to hold 6" telescope tubes on 1/2" bases plates.**
- 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. **The primary mirror was moved 3/16" closer to the secondary mirror. Next is to test the adjustment when skies cooperate.**
- 5) It was determined that the Observatory siding should be up graded to vinyl. **Bob's check with ReNew shows they have no vinyl siding available and don't expect any, any time soon.** If we have to purchase new siding it will need to be done in stages do to the \$750 cost.
 - o One side per year – minimize cost
 - o Vinyl side the square walls of the observatory only; scrape/prime/paint the A-of-the-roof.
 - o **Bruce indicated that the money has dried with the sources he was investigating.**
- 6) Jim Faux to contact Jonathan Weis at Dublin to see how things are going with their telescope and the astronomy program.
- 7) NSN Toolkits
 - a. Junie has review all tool kits and will let the two science teachers he works with, Kim Lewis and Lisa Rust know what's available in them. Both these teachers will be reviewing the video also to determine there usability in their curriculums
 - b. Bob has submitted videos to two science teachers for review. **Junie and I are waiting for feedback from these teachers.**
 - c. 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. **Review status.**
- 8) Gail is interested in KAA doing more outreach observing and teaching for the Library. **Bob will be doing a "hands-on" loaner telescope training and providing the basics of finding objects in the sky using sky charts Tuesday May 21 st at 6:30pm at the KPL.**

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Completed Items

- 1) The annual spring dinner took place Friday April 19th at 6pm at Papagallos. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.
- 2) Mowing field, weed wacking, west side sapling / sucker removal and rock removal - Completed 5/18/13

New Business

- 1) Jim Faux suggested that we come up with an outline/summary/whitepaper of the components in the tool kits so we can submit it to prospective users. Jim and Phinie have taken the responsibility of housing and managing all of the tool kits. Jim to generate a sample layout for Junie's meeting.
- 2) Junie suggested that we look into purchasing a hydrogen-alpha solar telescope with the anticipation of doing public solar observing. This would allow us to view solar eruptions as well as sun spot activity. We will be looking at costs of new, used, and refractor telescope modification kits to allow HA observing, which will be reviewed at the June meeting.
- 3) Bob suggested looking into having baseball caps, T-shirts. Sweatshirts, and etc. made by a company called Café Press with KAA's logo on the items. Bob to check into the details of purchasing the items. The big trick is coming up with a snappy logo. We certainly welcome all suggestions in this matter. Submittals are due at Junes meeting.
- 4) Jim Faux to look into purchasing a video projector eyepiece.