

KAA April 12, 2013 business meeting summary

On-going Business

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the May 10th meeting at Junie's are: 2 thru 12.
- 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.
 - 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. **This will be discussed at the May meeting.**
- 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. **This may be worked on at the May work session.**
- 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: **Bob to check with ReNew on vinyl status.**
 - 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 Faux to contact Jonathan Weis at Dublin to see how things are going with their telescope and the astronomy program.
- 7) The annual spring dinner will take place Friday April 19th at 6pm at Papagallos.
- 8) NSN Toolkits
 - a. Junie to review all tool kits to 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.
 - b. Bob has submitted videos to two science teachers for review. **Junie and I are both 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.**
- 9) **Determine status of submittal of Jim and Phinie's two videos.**
- 10) Gail is interested in KAA doing more outreach observing and teaching. She will be submitting an outline to Bob within the next few weeks. **Bob will contact Gail on outline status.**

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Completed Items

- 1) Jim and Phinie received another tool kit from NSN and contained some interesting items, but there was no specific theme.
- 2) Jim Faux has added a new item in the features heading titled videos and lectures. Please check it out and if there is any thing you would like to add to this item, please let Jim know. **Thanks again Jim for your insight and dedication to making our web site the BEST!!!**
- 3) Bruce Norlund at the April meeting will do a talk on the Apollo Mission. He has a relative that was involved in the mission. Bruce gave an excellent talk and very interesting account of all the behind the scenes intrigue of the missions as spelled out in the book "Race to the Moon" by Charles Murray and Catherine Cox