

## June Meeting Minutes (6/8/25)

- May minutes approved
- New members were voted on and approved: Willie, Eric, Ricardo
- Guests: Andy, Susanna

## Five images of the Month were covered

- Rick: M81 & M82
- Laz: Elephant Trunk SHO
- Joe: Cigar Galaxy
- Jeff: M106
- Eric: N. American/Pelican

Suggestion made to pick an object each month for members to image. That way we can compare different equipment, techniques...

- Decided to base this on the Monthly Hubble Challenge
- M3 was picked for July

## President Report

- Large donation from Chris. Currently being inventoried. Some items will be used for the raffle at the OTAA
- \$50 donation from Lynn and George
- New Fiscal year begins July 1st. Dues due June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Any member that would like to opt out of the Astronomical Society should contact Connie
- Hawken Collaboration: very successful, approx. 13 students plus teachers. Lauren, the teacher was happy. We asked for feedback from her
- OTAA Date is June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Need Coordinator
  - Signup sheet
- Next Nassua Night: June 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM, need Volunteers
- St Lawrence Group – Aug 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Camp overnight – asked for volunteers from CVAS to camp as well
  - Liability Waiver brought up
  - Patrick – Presentation
- Super Star Party at Penitentiary Glen Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
  - Motion made by Ian to not attend, discussion followed
  - Voted and decision made to still attend

- Connie to ask for money
- Park needs to update their website to include CVAS
- Host Jaycees at Indian Hill – Ian to check on the date
- Chagrin Arts Council – Oct 28<sup>th</sup>
- Connie proposed idea of combining two of the monthly meetings twice a year. Dec/Jan and June/July (Summer solstice). Decision made to not move forward.

#### Director of Observations Report – Laszlo

- For the sake of time – Report has been distributed and can be read
- Las pointed out his article on imaging the Polaris Flare

#### Treasure's Report – Patrick

- Checks MUST be made out to “Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society” NOT CVAS
- New Category in the Treasurer's Report – “Earmark Money”
- Noted the PayPal fees are higher than expected. Look into other online payment methods, Zelle for instance
- Insurance Policy over the past two years has increased from \$725 to approx. \$1000. Good idea to shop around.
- PO Box is \$200/year

#### Park Liaison – Marty

- Nassua Night: June 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM, need Volunteers

#### Editor Report – Chris

- Thanked contributors
- Asked for an article on Trojan Points for future edition

#### Historian Report – Dan

- Asked if we would like to publish constitution in our Valley Sky Watcher
- Dan has hard copies of the minutes from 1998-2004
- Connie brought up the June 2005 North Observatory was installed

#### New Business

- July Mtg – 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at Indian Hill
- Steve asked about online mtg for July – Connie confirmed that there will be one
- Eric inquired about hosting our website for free – Connie said they will speak later
- Willie proposed to amend the constitution to remove having to vote on new members

- Patrick seconded the motion
- Unanimous vote for yes by all members in attendance