

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society
Meeting Agenda
November 2, 2025
4:00 PM
Observatory Park

- ★ Meeting Called to Order at 4:00 PM. There were 18 members in attendance.
- ★ October Minutes were approved
- ★ New Members: Dennis Semak
- ★ Guests: Natasha Davison - University of Texas at Austin, Producer - Touching the Sun (Documentary)
- ★ Image(s) of the Month:
 - Willie Stickley and Ricardo Zarraga: M31
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/sAoB316fHcob4hnM7>
 - Steve Fishman: Comet Lemmon
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L6yx_2VO5NY9pDCQfkHZ4KmT5oW1tfLkHkdsw3rzk5Y/edit?usp=sharing
 - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/150xGJXzkAn1pLtq8CMEK3ySDUfQXnsIF1oT-ayVHpg/edit?usp=sharing>
- ★ Presentation: Willie Stickley: AD ASTRA Project:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L8mAZzBQSYJlvB6u1iGpb5A9dSzZuwUzGoolcPgpryA/edit?usp=sharing>
- ★ Conny introduced the guest speaker, Natasha Davison. Ms. Davison is a lead producer for the Filmmakers Collaborative.. She presented a description of the PBS documentary "Touching the Sun".
 - The documentary focuses on our sun through an exploration of traditions and observations.
 - The Filmmakers Collaborative is a 501c(3) organization. Donations and volunteer ambassadors are welcome.
 - Information can be found at <https://filmmakerscollab.org/films/touching-the-sun/>
- ★ President's Report:
 - A huge thank you to all our folks who came out and volunteered at our events throughout this season!
 - Event Reports:
 - Sukkot Event - October 11.
 - Conditions were sub-optimal, but we were able to show several objects.
 - Discussed location with Rabbi and Cantor for next year. Planning on holding this event at Indian Hill.

- Chagrin Valley Arts Council was canceled
- There was a discussion about the proposal made at the October meeting to change to a Board of Directors organizational structure. Discussion centered on why we should consider it and how the structure would change.
 - Directors would be President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. It was also mentioned that the other officer positions would change into a Trustee position.
 - Constitution Language was reviewed for clarification reasons. Article 3 Section 2 was discussed. This article mentions Trustees in connection with the unfortunate event of an organizational dissolution situation. Clarification was provided: in case of dissolution of the society, these individuals are entrusted by the society to handle all matters relating to this process. This group of trustees is made up by several officers. "Trustees" is solely meant in that sense.
 - Arguments from members:
 - Pros: BOD structure would simplify communication processes. Member Eric Wright stated that due to the member size, and very spotty attendance at monthly business meetings, resulting in not meeting a quorum, it is extremely difficult to pass any motions. A BOD approach would facilitate the ease with which regular, operational society business could be conducted.
 - A BOD structure would allow us to shrink the number of volunteers needed for officer positions.
 - Cons: Several members noted that there is little we currently know of how a BOD might work, how it should be structured. More research is required.
 - It was decided to further research this structural change and to continue the discussion. Historian volunteered to inquire with other area clubs about their organizational structure and to report back at the next business meeting.
- Discussion about additional required changes to the Constitution:
 - Repeal Article III, Section II requiring a vote on accepting new members.
 - Eliminate the following Officer position: Observatory Director. It was mentioned that the society has not had an Observatory Director in the past 2 years and the upkeep and maintenance of the Observatory has been handled by various members who were coordinated by the President.
 - If BOD structure is adopted:

- Change language in Article IV, Section I to: The Board of Directors shall consist of the above mentioned Trustees of the organization and the Director of Observations.
 - Change the language in Article IV, Section II to reflect the proposed change in organizational structure: The election of the members of the Board of Directors shall be conducted at the November meeting via paper or electronic ballot. Votes must be received no later than 4:30 PM on the day of the November meeting. Election results take immediate effect.
- Election was held. Digital Ballots only showed votes of 3 members. Paper ballots were incomplete due to a printer mishap. Marty Mullet made the motion to accept all candidates as a group. The motion was seconded by Willie Stickley.
 - The motion was carried by a vote of 15 yes, 1 opposed, 2 opposed by proxy vote (Ian Cooper and Phill Pisczak) cast by Dan Rothstein.
 - The motion carried. All candidates voted in as elected members as outlined on the ballot.
- ★ Director of Observations Report
 - November Sky Report was presented
- ★ Treasurer Report
 - October Treasurer Report: Beginning balance was \$8987.69. Balance at month end was \$4982.29. The full report is available at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ulul4V9EOdk50w8t8dhfh391A45eCrKZ9v6QuPUNk7Y/edit?usp=sharing>
 - There was a motion to approve the expenditure of \$42 for new checks Motion carried.
- ★ Park Liaison Report - Marty will step aside. Ian will fill the vacancy.. Next Nights at Nassau is November 22.
- ★ Editor Report - Nov 30 deadline
- ★ Historian Report - No report
- ★ New Business:
 - Invitation to collaborate: Touching the Sun, a PBS documentary
 - Study Invitation: Awe and Stargazing (email from Mariia Lobanova of HEC Paris) (found us via NASA SkyNetwork) - [Study invitation letter.pdf](#)
 - https://hec.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0OKdZr1hcFvpj2S
 - The December Monthly Meeting will be December 7 , 2025 at 4PM at Observatory Park. This will also be the Christmas Party. Please mark your rsvp and the item you'll bring on our upcoming events sign up sheet.
 - Next Nassau Nights is November 22, 2025 at 7PM. Need 5 volunteers. Please sign up.
 - Dan Rothenberg made a motion to hold the OTAA on June 13th. The motion carried.

★ The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

