



Kanawha Valley Astronomical Society

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February, 18, 2022

Welcome

- President Rodney Waugh called the meeting to order at 18:05 p.m.

Members in attendance included: Dan Hayne; William Blake; John Dennis; Janet Willson; John Willson; Rodney Waugh; Kaitlin Bedekovich; Jason Young.

Minutes

- January Minutes were not presented by Secretary, Jason Young. Previous Months Minutes were not available at this meeting.

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Financial Update

- No Financial report was presented.

New Business

- Scott Blake; Radio telescope purchase and use. Tabled until next meeting as there was not a quorum.
- Jason Young presented information about Techsoup and Google Workspace. Techsoup provides assistance to non-profit organizations by provided donated software, hardware and, productivity/collaboration tools. Google Workspace is one such tool. Tabled until next meeting as there was no quorum.

Old Business

- Rodney Waugh; Update on the donated eight-inch Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain. The tripod is being repaired by Ed Connors. The donation has grown to include a mylar solar filter and an external power supply.
- Rodney Waugh sent an email to the Contractors Association of West Virginia. The purpose of this email was to find a local contractor to construct the new observatory. Proposed build specifications were included in the email.

Discussion

- William Blake presented information on the of obtaining a radio telescope for educational purposes. He will be emailing KVAS Members with detailed information about a complete set up for Radio Astronomy.
- Janet and John Willson gave an update about the Blackwater Falls Star Party. We are hopeful that the Lodge at Blackwater Falls State Park will complete renovations before the Star Party. They also request that members send Janet an email with any contact information for vendors that would donate items for the raffle.
- John Dennis spoke about Calhoun County Park hosting a STEAM Class focusing on astronomy, this class will be for students grade 5th – 8th. Possible date April, 22-30 which is International Dark Sky Week. Calhoun County Park is looking for local astronomy

clubs to help with the star party and, and asked if KVAS would be interested. Calhoun County Park is working towards their goal of becoming an astronomical observation park, they are collecting telescopes and accessories.

- Rodney Waugh gave a presentation on the James Webb telescope. He brought a sample of beryllium and gave information on the creation of the element.

Adjournment

- _____ made a motion to adjourn the meeting. _____ seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be held on _____ at ____ p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Board Secretary, Jason Young

