

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its regular meeting on March 15, 2014, at the Good Hope Observatory in Jane Lew, West Virginia, with 27 in attendance.

CAAC president, Joe Gonzalez, convened the meeting.

Minutes from the December meeting were distributed and accepted on a motion by John Taylor, seconded by Jane Lynn Squires.

Treasurer Jeri Booher presented the financial report, which was accepted by those present.

#### Star Quest:

Our ad will run in the March and June issues of *The Reflector*.

Our vendors are Hands on Optics – Gary Hand, and Sky Stones – Dave Holden. Roy Jaworski called Jeff Norwood of Camera Concepts (one of our regular event vendors) to confirm his participation. Jeff said he was attending Cherry Springs. A motion was made by John Taylor, seconded by Jim King, that once a vendor cancels, they will not automatically be invited the next year. Support was unanimous.

Brenda Davisson will format the program with assistance from Roy and Connie Ahrens.

John Taylor will be working on the raffles with Roy.

#### Speakers:

Dean Regas (keynote), Outreach Astronomer for the Cincinnati Observatory. His fee is a \$500 donation from Star Quest to the Cincinnati Observatory.

Michelle Shinn

Mark Kochte

Possibly a WVU Astronomy professor. Caitlin Ahrens will verify.

Daytime instructors include Bob Royce, Caitlin Ahrens, and Brent Maynard, who will also conduct classes in the field.

“Rocket Boy” Jimmie O’Dell Carroll will be joining us.

We will tighten up the schedule next meeting and get a schedule to Sue Ann Heatherly as soon as possible.

Bunkhouse captains: Barb Patton on the women’s side, John Taylor and George Walker on the men’s.

Star Quest 11 event t-shirts will be red. Stas Edel is designing.

Miscellaneous:

John Taylor is interested in pursuing grants for obtaining a digital star lab. He made a motion for support. Motion was seconded by Cyndi Shaver. Support was unanimous.

Jane Lynn reported that the Junior Astronomy Club is active and now includes children from three schools – Johnson, Norwood, and Simpson. They meet at St. Barnabas Church.

Our next meeting will be held on April 26, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the observatory.

The motion for adjournment was made by Roy, seconded by Jane Lynn.