

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its regular March meeting on April 6, 2013, at the Eat 'n' Park restaurant in Clarksburg, West Virginia, with 19 in attendance.

CAAC president, Joe Gonzalez, convened the meeting.

Minutes from the February meeting were distributed and accepted on a motion by John Taylor, seconded by Jeri Booher.

Treasurer Jeri Booher presented the financial report. The report was accepted on a motion by Brenda Davisson, seconded by Barb Patton.

New Business:

Joe reported visitors to the observatory from West Virginia Wesleyan and also the Boy Scouts from Staley will be coming 4/25, Joe will meet with them prior to their visit.

Star Quest:

Joe reported he got two new tents for down in the field.

New company for toilets – Buster Varner Construction. Joe will contact them for rates. We need to put down stone on the field roads and set a date in June to spray vegetation.

Discussed t-shirt designs. Stas will finalize design.

Will run another ad in June issue of the *Reflector* and Joe will ask Deven to contact Astronomy Technology Today regarding running an ad.

We currently have 17 registrations. Registration desk will canvass attendees regarding how they heard about StarQuest so we can channel our publicity dollars effectively.

Brenda will format program.

Jimmy Carroll O'Dell will be with us Friday and Saturday. He is requesting only room and board and gas reimbursement.

Speakers:

Wednesday – Warren Keller

Thursday – Dr. Anderson (?)

Friday – Michelle Shnn

Saturday – Robert Naeye

Caitlin Ahrens will present and Joe wants our club kids (Jeremy, Stas, and Caitlin) to do a daytime presentation.

Joe will contact Mark Kochte regarding instructing a photography class. He will also contact Bob Royce, Michael Rosalina, and the H Team for security. Caitlin Ahrens will contact Jim Theiman from Goddard with Radio Jove, and Dr. Anderson, WVU Astronomy professor regarding keynote and/or daytime presentation.

Roy is coordinating vendors and raffles.

We talked about possibility of obtaining a golf cart to transport folks with mobility issues down to the field.

Old Business:

We will be presenting at Heritage Christian School in Bridgeport on 4/30 at 9 AM.

The Dominion Hope grant cycle comes up again 6/26. Jeri will keep tabs on our IRS status.

Jeri will contact our scholarship winner. It was agreed that she needs to attend the May meeting for publicity purposes. If she does not, or indicates that she is no longer interested, additional candidates will be considered.

Miscellaneous:

John Dennis presented a program in conjunction with Dark Skies Week, "What's Up in the Sky Now."

Our next meetings will 5/4 and 6/8 at the observatory.

The motion for adjournment was made by John Taylor, seconded by Bob Hendricks.