

## **PAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President John Carter at 6:30 PM at Touchmark at the Ranch, Mingus Mountain Forum room. There are two new members, Anita Michel and Carolyn Johnson. 30 members in attendance.

### **Reading of the August Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the October meeting, which are online, were approved attending members.

Treasury report given by President Carter. Checking \$2518.56. Savings \$3006.25. PayPal \$537.63. Cash \$0.00. Total \$6062.44. Income since last meeting \$15.00 from laser sales, \$21.25 from membership dues. Total \$36.25. Expenses bank fee \$7.00, Capital Purchases (40 lasers) \$449.70, Picnic \$250.99, Speaker dinner \$18.86, Total \$726.55. Overall total -\$690.30.

### **Director at large and Committee Reports**

Marilyn Unruh reported the next METASIG is at Lindo Mexican in Prescott Valley. She will be giving a presentation on Comets November 7 at Prescott Middle School.

President Carter gave a reminder of the Club Holiday Dinner at Bonn-Fire Restaurant, 1667 S. State Rte 89, in Chino Valley December 10, beginning at 5PM. There are registration forms at the meeting as well as on-line and money can be accepted tonight.

### **Upcoming Star Parties**

November 15 and 22, ERAU, 6:45PM-9:30PM, after the Planetarium shows.

### **Old Business**

Green lasers are available for sale.

### **New Business**

The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS) is hosting the ALCON annual meeting, July 15-19, 2020. Visit web page [www.taas.org](http://www.taas.org) for additional information.

Magazine renewal prices for Sky & Telescope (\$32.95) and Astronomy (\$36.16) was discussed. These are club discount prices. Some members who recently purchased are not getting these prices. It was suggested members call first and ask for the club discounts.

Corinne provided an update for the Lowell Observatory Clark trip. Weather prevented the scheduled date in October. She is working with officials to settle on a new date, either November 23 or 24. She will e-mail those that signed up with the decision.

Corrine next spoke about the recent Kartchner Caverns Star Party event. Great Skies and Great speakers. Next year will be May 20-24. There will also be a similar event in California July 17-18.

President Carter displayed a spreadsheet and led a discussion about the 2019 Club income and expenses as well as the proposed 2020 budget. The following adjustments were made: Remove the Face Book Line item which reads zero, to attract new members various raffle ideas discussed, decided to have envelopes with cash instead of gift cards at meetings and a give away of cash prizes at the Holliday Dinner, Adjust the NAU Space Grant line item to be \$250, remove the Science Fair line item, remove word "calendars" from the Speaker Awards. Motion, a second, and vote of approval.

President Carter led discussion for nominations and voting of Board Members for 2020. There were nominations for Director at Large (2-year terms) for Doug Tilley and Jason Hoover, a second, and members voted unanimously. There were no further nominations. The current President (John Carter), Vice President (David Covey), Treasurer (Greg Lutes) and Secretary (Dennis Eaton) have agreed to continue serving through 2020.

### **Break**

At 7:15PM.

### **Presentation**

Great Course 30 minute Video – Our Fall Night Sky was shown.

### **Announcements**

The Third Thursday Star Talk is November 21 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the Founder's Suite. "Cosmology Etc." by a speaker TBD from ERAU.

The Jim & Linda Lee Planetarium upcoming programs in November. 11/23, "Our Friends the Planets" \$6. 11/15 & 11/16, "Camerata Singers & ERAU Altitudes – Beneath the Stars" \$45. 11/22 & 11/23, "Universe Mashup" \$6. Star Parties after the 11/15 and 11/22 programs.

Member Fulton Wright will have a scope setup on November 11 at Las Fuentes Eastern, to view the Mercury Transit.

### **Raffle**

There was no raffle.

### **Next Meeting**

January 8, 2020 (second Wednesday) at Touchmark, 6:30-8:30PM.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

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