

PAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2020

Called to order @ 6:34PM via Zoom by President Carter.

There were 14 participants, 1 new members Steve Wiens.

Business Meeting

Last month's general meeting minutes are posted on the website. They were approved.

Treasurer Report. Opened account with \$5,504.06 total checking and savings. Total expenses for October: \$252.05. Total income for October: \$75.00. Closing balance: \$5,328.05 for a net decrease of \$176.01. Report was approved.

Old Business – None

New board members elected are Jeff Stillman for President and Art Arnold-Roksandich for Treasurer.

There are currently 57 active members.

New Business

Still looking for volunteers for Vice President and Secretary.

A vintage 8" Celestron was donated to the club and is now available for loan to members. See John Carter. We have other equipment that can be loaned out.

Scheduled Events.

On December 11 from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM tune in on YouTube for the International Livestream Star Party hosted by the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory in Arizona and Tubac Area Events with professional and amateur astronomers around the world sharing their view of the night sky. John Carter is presenting at 7:05 PM from his observatory in Paulden. Details and free registration information on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/285889599341578>

Penumbral eclipse of the Moon was November 30 in the wee hours. Check out the photos to be posted at <https://www.timeanddate.com>.

There will be a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction on December 21, 2020.

Short Topics

Our Christmas wish list for the perfect OTA discussion.

Member Steve Eubanks wants a 1meter telescope for his back yard.

Member Jason Hoover wants a dual 36inch binocular telescope.

President Carter wants the club to get behind building our own observatory. Collect donations. Will work with Russ to set up a link on the web site. Steve Eubanks is building a business plan.

Main Topics – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendars – call Marilyn if you want a 2021 calendar.

The Orange County Astronomers have invited us to join their virtual events. See <https://ocastronomers.org>

The Kalamazoo Astronomical Society (Michigan) is hosting virtual meetings and virtual star parties. Their calendar of events is here: <https://kasonline.org/schedule.html>.

Register to attend from links on their calendar. Public is welcomed.

Old and new officers need to meet at a Wells Fargo bank in order to sign accounts over.

January 6 2021 general meeting topic: Ernest Cisneros: An overview of the Mars 2020 rover mission, its goals and the Mastcam-Z instrument that is mounted on the rover.

Next Board of Directors Virtual meeting is December 15, 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:57PM.

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