

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its regular meeting on November 10, 2012, at the Eat 'n' Park restaurant in Clarksburg, West Virginia, with 17 in attendance.

CAAC vice-president, Roy Jaworski, convened the meeting.

Minutes from the September meeting were distributed and accepted on a motion by John Taylor, seconded by Nancy Walker.

Treasurer Jeri Booher presented the financial report, which was accepted on a motion by Jim King, seconded by Janice King.

Star Quest:

Caitlin Ahrens, WVU Liaison, will contact Dr. David Meisel regarding presenting.

Old Business:

The Fairmont Catholic Math, Science, and Technology Day October 11th went well. Connie Ahrens and Nancy Walker provided a straw rocket activity and George Walker brought his solar telescope and the kids viewed the sun.

Caitlin reported that members of the WVU Astronomy Club volunteered at the Green Bank open house.

Regarding restoration of our EIN, John contacted Larry Lemmon of Senator Rockefeller's office and wrote a letter to the senator as requested. John contacted Dominion Hope regarding our chances of CAAC receiving the grant. He was advised that Dominion declined to be involved and stated that they looked forward to working with us in the future. Another deadline for grant monies is December 19th. Jeri will call to follow up with IRS. Roy will contact Joe Gonzalez, CAAC president, about contacting Senator Joe Manchin.

New Business:

Heritage Christian School in Bridgeport will be holding an Astronomy Day in the spring. Upon discussion, it was decided that CAAC would present on April 30th.

Astronomy Day will be January 19, 2013. Mark Kochte is coming. Roy will contact Michelle Shinn. Caitlin will contact WVU Astronomy Department for a speaker. Cyndi Shaver will coordinate Star Lab and contact Pam Casto, of NASA. Due to CAAC treasury being low, John made a motion, seconded by Connie Ahrens, that club members pay for their meals after the event, but that we host our speakers. Adoption was unanimous.

Our scholarship winner is Madeline Duarte from Morgantown High School. Jeri will contact her next week.

Caitlin reported that the new WVU telescope in the new observatory at White Hall is now operational.

Miscellaneous:

Membership dues are due in January. Cyndi will be mailing out reminders and forms for members to update their information.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party at the observatory in Jane Lew on December 1st. Members are requested to bring pot luck.

The motion to adjourn was made by Janice, seconded by Jim.