

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its Christmas party and regular meeting on December 6, 2014, at the CAAC Observatory in Jane Lew, West Virginia, with 23 in attendance.

CAAC president, Joe Gonzalez, convened the meeting.

Minutes from the November meeting were distributed and, with a correction to reflect the date of the last meeting as November 15, 2014, were accepted on a motion by Bill Cottrill, seconded by John Taylor.

Treasurer Jeri Booher presented the financial report. Jeri also reported that we have new bank accounts set up at City National Bank that require no minimum balance. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Roy Jaworski, seconded by Bill.

Star Quest:

John Goss advised that we need to have ad information in to the *Reflector* shortly after the first of the year.

Caitlin Ahrens reported that Seth Shostak will be in West Virginia during June 2015. He advised he would like to be our keynote speaker, but is still checking his agenda. He will let her know. Caitlin will also contact Dr. Tyler Nordgren, University of Redland, CA, about being the Friday keynote. Possibly his wife could speak for Thursday night.

Robert Skidmore is working on a list of astronomy clubs to mail Star Quest information out to so the clubs can make the information available to their members.

Joe is looking into offering a train ride on Wednesday evening from Cass to Whittaker. Participants could take their scopes and viewing equipment and take advantage of the dark skies.

John will start working on obtaining raffle prizes after the first of the year.

Our vendors will be Dave Holden from Sky Stones, and Southeastern Camera.

Old Business:

Astronomy Day – Has been scheduled for April 25, 2015, to coincide with National Astronomy Day. Jim King will check on the availability of Fairmont State University Caperton Center for the event.

John reported that he has written on the big Dominion educational grant.

Miscellaneous:

Jane Lynn Squires reported that the Junior Astronomy Club is going strong with 25-28 members. They are going to order t-shirts for the kids. The junior club includes kids in 2nd and 3rd grades from Simpson, Johnson, and Norwood schools. They meet at St Barnabas Church. They are currently looking for a place to stage a rocket launch.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 17, 2015.

The motion to adjourn was made by Roy, seconded by Bill.