

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its Christmas party and regular meeting on December 5, 2015, 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 were accepted on a motion by John Taylor, seconded by Brenda Davisson.

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

Star Quest:

The deadline for the ad in *The Reflector* magazine is the first week of January. It will be a single page appearing in the March issue. We will prepare 200 information packets to send to Astronomical League member clubs.

Going to check with Seth Shostak to see if he can commit at this time.

Regarding kids' activities, Jane Lynn advised that she and Cyndi Shaver are planning to attend SEEC in Houston in February and will be bringing back new ideas. They will be taking some Galileo telescopes with them for door prizes.

Alex Bradley-Popovich is in contact with a person from Pasadena, CA, working at NRAO on Breakthrough Listen.

New Business:

The Astronomical League Convention, ALCON, is featured in *The Reflector* magazine and will be held 8/10-13/16 in DC.

The January issue of *Sky & Telescope* features information on the total eclipse that will take place on 8/21/16. George Walker, Rodney Waugh, and Joe are planning to travel to observe. May travel out west where chance of good weather will be better. If anyone is interested, contact them.

Rodney reported that Calhoun County may be developing a dark sky site.

Roy Jaworski picked up and delivered a telescope, an old dobsonian, that was donated to our club.

Old Business:

Astronomy Day – Has been scheduled for April 23, 2016, to coincide with National Astronomy Day. Jim King will check on the availability of Fairmont State University Caperton Center for the event.

Miscellaneous:

Due to the number of scheduling conflicts we run into in the fall, Joe requested that we consider for discussion at our next meeting, having a meeting in August to close out Star Quest, then take a break from regular meetings until December.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 16, 2016.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jane Lynn, seconded by Janice.