

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its regular meeting on September 15, 2012, at the Good Hope Observatory, in Jane Lew West Virginia, with 13 in attendance.

CAAC president, Joe Gonzalez, convened the meeting.

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

Star Quest:

Ads need to be in for the December issue of the *Reflector* by October. Because we are members of the Astronomical League, we will get the ad for half-price, or \$550 /full page. *Astronomy Technology Today* charges \$250 for a 2-page spread that will run in the March issue. Stas Edel will prepare the ads.

We haven't heard from Frank Drake. Joe emailed Seth Shostak again. We still have *Astronomy* magaZine editor, Dave Eicher for Saturday keynote.

Old Business:

Fairmont Catholic has invited us to return to present at the school's Math, Science, and Technology Day October 11th. Joe, Nancy and George Walker and Connie Ahrens can go. Jane Lynn and Cyndi Shaver will provide supplies for a straw rocket activity.

Green Bank has an open house scheduled for September 23rd. Joe will contact Sue Ann Heatherly for details.

We can't write on the \$5,000 Dominion grant because our EIN needs renewed by the IRS. John will contact Larry Lemmon from Senator Rockefeller's Fairmont office to request intervention. We were told by IRS that we could function without an EIN.

New Business:

Astronomy Day will be January 19, 2013.

Scholarship information has been mailed out to area schools and home school groups.

CAAC letter regarding the divestment of the Green Bank Telescope will be emailed to state officials this week.

Miscellaneous:

This is our last meeting of the season at the observatory. Future meetings were scheduled for 10/20, 11/17, 12/1, 1/19 (Astronomy Day), 2/16, 3/16, and 4/20. Our

alternate location will be either the United Methodist Church in Clarksburg, or the back room at Eat N Park.

Next meeting will be October 20th. Site TBD.

The motion to adjourn was made by Bob Hendricks, seconded by Jane Lynn