

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its Christmas party and regular meeting on December 1, 2012, at the CAAC Observatory in Jane Lew, West Virginia, with 27 in attendance.

CAAC president, Joe GonZaleZ, convened the meeting.

Minutes from the November meeting were distributed and accepted on a motion by John Taylor, seconded by Brenda Davisson.

Treasurer Jeri Booher presented the financial report. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Barb Patton, seconded by Jane Lynn Squires.

Star Quest:

Joe has heard nothing from Frank Drake. He will see if Sue Ann Heatherly can contact him. Roy Jaworski spoke with Warren Keller. He wants to come back this year. Roy also secured Dave Eicher, editor of Astronomy MagaZine, as a speaker.

Brent Maynard will send Stas Edel a link to the group photo for our 2013 Star Quest ads.

Old Business:

Joe contacted Larry Lemmon of Senator Rockefeller's office. Jeri will prepare a paper trail and coordinate with Joe to submit to Larry to get to a staffer.

Astronomy Day – Mark Kochte and Michelle himm are confirmed as presenters. Caitlin Ahrens reported that W professors Duncan Lorimer and Maura Mc Laughlin are out of the country on sabbatical. Profs. Pisano and Anderson are considering.

Jim King will contact Fairmont State University regarding reserving the Caperton Center for the event.

Tonya Daft will contact *Wonderful West Virginia* magazine regarding running an ad and also the West Virginia Department of Tourism for publicity.

Regarding the Star Quest Scholarship, it will be announced in May with applications due in the fall. That schedule will give those interested the summer to work on their applications.

New Business:

Deven Matlick reported that he has installed the autoguider and that it works. We need a pelican case for the solar scope.

Miscellaneous:

Our next three meetings (Feb, Mar, and Apr) will be the third Saturday of the month at the Eat 'N' Park in Bridgeport. Jane Lynn suggested that those who attend should eat first and those who are not dining could come later.

The motion to adjourn was made by Roy, seconded by Jim King.