

Eboard Jan. 16, 2009

Attendees: Wayne G., Jack, Joe, Dan, Brad, Ron M., Frank, Dave, Stuart, Keith.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

DU Report: no representative. Wayne passed around a letter from Dr. Stencil.

Prez Report: Wayne discussed the Banquet plan and has lined-up Romano's to cater. Cost will be about \$25 person. Need volunteers about 5pm at the church to set up. Wayne discussed buying some high quality filters and epsilon Aurigae observing project. Proposed buying a set of UBVRI filters (Shulers) but had no details on cost or motion.

Treasurer report: Brad distributed copies of annual statement. About \$15K in the general fund. Renewals are coming in slowly.

Outreach and Science Comm's: Ron Mickle will not be serving as chair of PN and has sent a message to the PN staff about the need for a new chairperson. Need someone that can work well with the team.

Van Nattan-Hansen Fund: Due to the huge drop in stock market the past few months, the VN-H invested fund has gone from a high of about \$52K down to \$32.9K. The initial investment was \$45K. We received a \$2K donation from Reid Van Nattan over the holidays. There is about \$11K in the Credit Union money market fund which will carry the awards at the present award level of \$2K per year. Ron asked Frank M., for ideas and opinions on what if anything should be done with the invested portion. There was extensive discussion from board members of the situation. Frank recommends no proactive actions at this time. We should see what the market does over the next few months and could perhaps exchange the fund into another asset allocation model more weighted in bonds. Consensus was to wait on changing allocation and perhaps adding new money to the fund.

DAS budget was discussed. Expenses of the newsletter were reviewed. Discussion of need to encourage members to go to the pdf newsletter to save costs.

Upstairs office in Chamberlin: discussed by Frank M. The word has come down from DU, that the office will officially be Aaron's office. DAS will have open access to it. Discussion of storage of AV cart and PN equipment, storage will be in the coat room. Furnishing the office was discussed and need to make it a "host facility". Need to clean up the telescope was mentioned.

Frank – Financial ad hoc committee taking step at a time on program technology expenditures, such as LCD monitor will be last component of office purchases. Office expenditure so far is \$818.76 on paint, carpet, misc of balance of \$4081. Laser copier-printer will be about \$600, laptop, chairs and long tables, oak file cabinets –all lockable. Total of 4 file cabinets. Restoration type lighting surface mount will be about \$315.

Motion authorizing Frank's committee furnish and outfit office up the \$4,200 and purchases will remain property of DAS except for the restoration type lights. Motion was seconded and passed.

VP Report: Keith asked for ideas for pre-meeting dinner locations. Settled on India restaurant.

Dark Site: Wayne Kaaz, discussed DSS need to think about what DAS will do in 9 years when lease is up. Provided a handout about the Orange Co. Astronomers site. Rumor has it that Mike Hotka has resigned as chair of DSS Committee. Wayne G. will check with Mike at next DSS night.

Misc: Dan Wray mentioned he had met Robert Spencer who is a former president of DAS, now in his 80's.

Meeting adjourned about 9:30pm