

Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Corey Swanson at 7:30pm.

Minutes from the General Membership meeting held on April 26, 2023 were read by Corey Swanson. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by John Anderson, seconded by John Anderson and carried, with the noted correction of: Treasurer's Report, strike the word movement and replace with Motion.

The Treasurer's Report was given by John Anderson. With no discussion, a Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Gary Nelson, seconded by Phil Stafford and carried.

Committee Reports:

- **2024 Eclipse:**
 - Corey Swanson, Gary Nelson, Brian Ceci and Phill Stafford attended the Town of Carroll Board meeting on May 10th to speak on behalf of MKO about the upcoming eclipse. Safety of residents and businesses due to influx of people and purchasing proper certified glasses were items discussed.
- **Educational / Outreach: Tom Traub**
 - Working out final details for the Space STEM Camp.
 - Will be speaking at the Great Outdoors event at Allegany State Park about the solar eclipse. Anticipating 500 students over the 2 day event.
 - The Relief Zone scheduled group visit will be Friday July 14th at 1pm. Marie Plumb will be leading the efforts that day, and all help would be greatly appreciated
 - Thursday July 13th, 10am, Book reading at the Kennedy Free Library. John Anderson will be present for this.
 - Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club members will be visiting MKO during the public hours on Wednesday June 14th.
- **Technology: Tom Traub**
 - Running ACP, scheduler and doing remote operations, still working the bugs out of the software.

- **Facilities: John Anderson**

- Usual maintenance and cleaning being done. Radio room construction has been started and are scheduled to pick up the SkyShed Pod on Saturday July 18th at 1pm.

- **Finance Committee: Laurie Livingston**

- Received the grants applied for through the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for the Solar Glasses purchase and the Space STEM Camp. We have generously received \$12,733 in grants this year. Also we had generous donations from Mary Putnam and Ed Shults for the camp as well.
- Will be participating in the GiveBigCHQ fundraising event again this year on June 8th. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 this year.

- **Program Committee:**

- June speaker will be Gary Nelson. July Speaker will be Dr. Warren Marcus, NASA Solar System Ambassador.

- **Nominating Committee: Gary Nelson**

- Looking for members who want to serve on the Board of Directors. Contact Gary if interested.

- **Strategic Planning Committee: Laurie Livingston**

- Committees should submit their updated Goals, will discuss them at the June Board meeting.

- **Bylaws Committee:**

- Will be meeting in June.

- **Public and Media Relations:**

- Nothing new to report.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- None

- **New Business:**

- None

- **Correspondence:**

- None

- **For the Good of the Association:**

- Gary Nelson showed the members resent the 75th Anniversary pin from the Frewsburg Lions Club, which has the MKO domes on it. It was nice to be recognized by them as a part of their commemorative pin.
- Pins received from the NightSky Network for our participation in their program.
- The supernova 2023IXF in M101, the Pinwheel Galaxy, is visible in the night sky.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Board of Directors:** Wednesday June 28th, 6:30pm.
- **General Meeting:** Wednesday June 28th, 7:30pm.

A Motion was made by Andy Felong to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phil Stafford and all were in favor, except for Gary Nelson, who opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Swanson - President