

Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Corey Swanson at 8:26pm. As there did not appear to be anyone logged into Zoom at 7:28pm, the Board of Directors meeting was continued and the General meeting was started immediately after.

Minutes from the General Membership meeting held on July 26, 2023 were read by Corey Swanson. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Laurie Livingston, seconded by Phil Stafford and carried, with the noted correction of: Program Committee: strike the word artist and replace with August.

The Treasurer's Report was given by John Anderson during the BoD meeting. As there were no additional members present at MKO or on Zoom, this report was not repeated.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee: None**
- **2024 Eclipse:**
 - Tom Traub is looking to discuss doing presentations about the eclipse at the local libraries.
- **Educational / Outreach: Tom Traub**
 - (Same as 2024 Eclipse above)
- **Technology: Tom Traub**
 - Getting back to working on the ACP and focusing issues with the 24-inch telescope.
 - Will be collaborating with member Steve Conard and IOTA on an upcoming occultation. MKO will be one of a dozen observatories participating and providing data on the occultation. We will also be collaborating with NASA by doing observations of Uranus and Neptune. These observations will be in conjunction with the New Horizons Telescope, Hubble and James Webb Telescopes.
- **Facilities: John Anderson**
 - Usual maintenance and cleaning being done. Radio room construction is moving along and is ready to be painted. Outlets and switches still need

to be wired in and the ceiling needs to be installed following painting. Outside doors have been cleaned and will need to be painted as well. It was noted the east door by the Kohl Dome has a sill plate that has rotted away and will need to be fixed before winter. Brian Ceci will be having the roof and the door looked at for repair.

- **Finance Committee: Laurie Livingston**

- As there were no additional members present at MKO or on Zoom, this report was not repeated. [Discussed and approved tentative 2022-2023 budget to be voted on at the Annual meeting.]

- **Program Committee: Laurie Livingston**

- September's speaker will be member Steve Conard and his presentation on stellar occultations.
- October's speaker will be Mike Stafford.

- **Nominating Committee: Gary Nelson**

- As there were no additional members present at MKO or on Zoom, this report was not repeated. [Current members up for re-election and additional names to be voted on for the Board of Directors were discussed.]

- **Strategic Planning Committee: Laurie Livingston**

- As there were no additional members present at MKO or on Zoom, this report was not repeated. [3 Year Strategic Plan for 2023-2026 was presented, discussed and approved.]

- **Bylaws Committee:**

- As there were no additional members present at MKO or on Zoom, this report was not repeated. [Changes were made and approved to the Membership Category and Term of members elected to the Board of Directors.]

- **Public and Media Relations:**

- Nothing new to report.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- **Library Telescope Program: Corey Swanson**

- Telescopes have been taken to the Kennedy Free Library, Falconer Public Library and the Randolph Library. Training has been done

with the library directors and each and patron training has been done at the Kennedy Free Library. We will be taking the telescopes to the Myers Memorial Library in Frewsburg on Monday August 28th at 5:30pm for training. A patron training night is scheduled there for Friday September 8th at 6:00pm. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

- **New Business:**
 - **None**
- **Correspondence:**
 - Thank You note received from the Kennedy Free Library for being part of their Summer Reading Program.
- **For the Good of the Association:**
 - John Anderson and possibly Tom Traub will be doing a presentation on the constellations to the Girl Scouts at Camp Timbercrest on Friday August 25th at 7:30pm.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **International Observe the Moon Night:** Saturday October 21st. More to follow once planning has been done for it.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Board of Directors:** Wednesday October 4th at 6:30pm. Voting on officers for 2023-2024.
- **General Meeting / Annual Meeting:** Wednesday September 27th, 6:30pm at MKO. The tentative budget, bylaws, strategic plan and names for the Board of Directors will be sent to the membership in advance of the meeting.

A Motion was made by Laurie Livingston to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm, seconded by Phil Stafford and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Swanson - President