

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2019

Location: Virtua Moorestown

Attendees: 15

Officers Present...

Vice President: Ray Pape

Treasurer: Wade Evans

Secretary: Arnie Rosemoff

Formal Meeting

Ray calls the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Ray has the clubs 8" SCT – Scope, tripod, case and eyepieces.

Discussed Junior Astronomers program for Bernie H.

Upcoming outreach events...

Swedesboro Library event on July 27

Gloucester County Library on July 7 or 18

There will be a celebration-of-life ceremony for Tony's Moscicki on June 1, 2019, at the Burlington County Country Club. Casual dress, contact Gary Weinstein if attending.

Pat Moscicki is looking for a place to donate Tony's observatory. All ideas will be considered. It must be in a place that it will be used and include a plaque commemorating Tony's donation.

Upcoming Star Parties...

Cherry Springs, May 30 – June 2

Green Bank Star Quest, June 26 – 29

Stellafane, August 1 – 4

Black Forrest, September 27 – 29

Wade is in attendance and presented a financial report...

Opening Balance..... \$2,480.93

Collected from PayPal..... \$496.60

Closing Balance \$2,982.13

We discussed the cost of web hosting for our site. We are using AmeriHost and we need to look into staying with them or changing to another service in the future.

Val went to the Winter Star Party and visited the Kennedy Space Center while in Florida. He showed pictures of the space center, including the SpaceX launch facilities and the Saturn Five vehicle at the space museum. They have many examples of the spacecraft used in our space exploration history.

The Winter Star Party was devastated by a hurricane two years ago and has been restored enough for this year's event (it was temporarily held at Chiefland, Florida, last year). He showed some of the damage left by the storm. Many of the buildings were destroyed and rubble can still be seen everywhere. Val also showed his new van conversion at the star party.

After the event Val visited with Jimmy M and visited the Chiefland site which is in the northern part of the state near the panhandle.

We discussed this weekend's Eta Aquarid meteor shower, which is produced by remnants of the Halley's Comet, but the weather isn't looking good.

We looked at the image of a black hole at the center of M87. There is a description of the process used and the bandwidth and the amount of processing to bring the image to fruition.

Ray calls the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

We continue at Passariello's Pizzeria.