

Pre-meeting:

- Milly found two speakers and talked to the Jaycees about another steak dinner
- Milly has nominated himself for Vice President in lieu of Trish stepping down

Meeting:

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. The meeting was held at Witmer 114

Agenda:

- 1) Introductions - Skipped – no new people
- 2) Old Business – Lunar Eclipse and South Middle School
- 3) Treasurers Report
- 4) North Dakota Star Party Report
- 5) Telescope and Observatory Report
- 6) Astro League
- 7) Vice President Election
- 8) Leonid Meteor Shower and Aurora
- 9) Night Sky Network Teleconference

The lunar eclipse observing event on October 27th was clouded out. Occasionally, the moon poked out of the clouds. About ten people showed up during the evening and we answered questions that people had. Matt, Dean, and Jennifer went out for the event.

The South Middle School event was a success.

Matt and Dean shared aurora pictures from the massive flair up on Sunday. They were very visible from town. Aurora was reported as far south as Alabama. There was also a display on Monday, and there would be one tonight weather permitting.

Dean gave the treasurers report. It is the same as last month. \$3087.74 Net: \$2382

The North Dakota Star Party meeting that was supposed to be last week was delayed due to South Middle School Observing. We discussed the November agenda. No one has come up with a theme for the event yet. The raffle is off because the mall is out of room for a raffle booth. We also tossed out the idea for the t-shirt design. We also discussed the options for the dinner. The next meeting for the North Dakota Star Party will be Friday, November 12th at Paul's house.

The telescope and observatory planning committee report: At the last meeting (October 19th), ideas were brainstormed such as where it would be, funding, partnerships, what it will be like, and if we wish to use the original telescope. No decisions were made at this point. The next telescope and observatory planning meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16th in Witmer 209 at 7:00PM.

Terry discussed the Astro League stuff. The whole club would need to join together. They will not take individuals – they need a payment along with a roster of the club. If people join after the roster is sent in, their names could be added. We also discussed dues. We can use the money from the treasury to pay for the general club membership. Also with dues, we can tell how many people are officially in the club. There was a vote on having dues.

Dues: \$5 per year. They take effect at the December meeting.

The Vice President position is open. Trish stepped down last month. We discussed voting for this position, but Terry pointed out that too many people were absent from the meeting to have a vote. As a result, the Vice president election will happen at the next meeting in December. The Vice President assists the president in planning agendas, projects, events, and other projects. Chris Milford also nominated himself for this position via e-mail (he was absent from this meeting).

The Leonid meteor shower will peak will be late Wednesday the 17th. We should expect a show similar to the Persids. The event will be at Ray's house. The directions to Ray's house can be found by clicking on the following link.

At 8:00PM, the Night Sky Teleconference about the Hubble Ultra Deep Field by Dr. Massimo Stiavelli of STScI. We couldn't get the telephone system to work so we went through the slide show Power Point. Dean gave an impromptu talk on the slides.

After this, the club members discussed aurora stories.

Important dates:

- NDSP meeting will be on Friday, November 12th will be at Paul's house at 7:00 PM
- The next astronomy club meeting will be Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 PM in Witmer 114.

The meeting was adjourned little after 9:00 PM.