

December 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 11 December 2019 at the UA Banner Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. M. Smith, President, Presiding. Board members present: J. Mead, Vice President, M. McDowell, Treasurer, C. Hendricks Secretary, E. Foley and D. Smith, Members-at-Large.

November meeting minutes: J. Mead moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Seconded by E. Foley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: J. Mead moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by E. Foley. Motion carried.

Old Business:

M. Smith presented a #GivingTuesday 2019 Report. She sent four email messages related to #Giving Tuesday: 1) A thank you for past donations, listing possible amounts and types of gifts that had been a part of giving activities in the past. 2) A message reviewing a number of recent activities in which TAAA had been involved. 3) A message to members briefly discussing what #GivingTuesday is and notifying participants that TAAA would be participating in a donation-ask on #GivingTuesday this year. 4) A #GivingTuesday ask sent on #GivingTuesday links the organization to its purpose. Total funds raised amounted to \$13,120.

M. Smith reported that 67 members have received Minor Policy training. Mae will discuss hosting recording training information/records on member planet with David Rossetter. Discussion on minor policy resulted in changes being made and approved. M. McDowell made motion to approve, E. Foley seconded. Motion carried.

B. Bailey submitted a report on the State of TAAA Forum on Yahoo Groups and a path forward. M. Smith provided a copy to all board members. We are prepared to go to Groups IO if we need to. The decision at this point is to wait and see.

M. McDowell provided an overall fundraising and CAC report, and sleeping Room Building/Learning Center Budget Status. B. Stinger continues to be interested making the \$30,000.00 loan in addition to his \$10,000.00 donation pledge.

New Business:

D. Smith discussed the lack of space for the astronomy library materials. He will select books for both TIMPA and CAC that will be placed in plastic bins. Those items will be mostly atlases and observing guides which are flat and will not take up a lot of space. A three-shelf bookcase can be used to store books at CAC.

Banner Medical Center will not allow free use of meeting rooms. The cost of a meeting room at the Medical Center will be \$22.00 an hour. Mae has made arrangements to use Room 312 in the College of Education building for each month of 2020 except for the month of April when we will have to move to Room 208. E. Foley moved that we move to the College of Education. J. Mead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:45

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary