

## **PAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President John Carter at 6:30 PM at Touchmark at the Ranch, Mingus Mountain Forum room.

No new members and no guests were attending and approximately 28 members were in attendance.

President Carter announced and introduced this years Vice President Dave Covey.

The club general meeting minutes for January 2019 were accepted as published on the web site.

The treasurer reported there is a total of \$6,293.27 in checking and savings. There are 83 members, 47 of which have paid 2019 dues.

### **Director at Large Reports**

Marilynn Unruh reported that METASIG will be at Papa's Italian restaurant next Wednesday February 13th, sign-up sheet being passed around. The 2019 Grand Canyon Star Party will be June 22-29. Sign-up will begin after March 1st.

### **Old Business**

Father Corbally did a talk on January 18th at Lowell on "How Faith and Science Mix. As a reminder, the Vatican owns two observatories, one of which is the Giant Binocular Telescope at Mt. Graham.

The private star party Feb 4th at the Hassayampa Hotel was canceled due to weather.

President Carter displayed images of the recent Blood Moon. There were several comments and questions from the audience and discussions. There is one very bright crater in the lower left. It is believed to be the Crater Aristarchus.

### **New Business**

President Carter announced that Shelbie Marks a Teen Librarian at the Prescott Valley Public Library is organizing a Summer Camp with a Harry Potter theme and would like the Astronomy Club to give an Astronomy Class. The presenter would need to dress up as a professor at Hogwarts. Pat Birck was asked to follow-up.

The Highland Center would also like a speaker, sometime between March and November 2019.

A club field trip to one of the Lunar Landing Training Sites near Cottonwood-Cornville will be April 27. Look for more details and signup sheet next meeting.

The Sci-Tech Festival will be March 23rd at Embry Riddle. Adam England is coordinating. More details and sign-up next meeting.

### **Presentation**

The president played a video "Finding Planets." A presentation on Gravitational Lensing.

President Carter announced that there will be a raffle at the end of the meeting for the Celestron Luminos 23mm 82 degree Eyepiece donated by member David Viscio. Tickets are \$2 or 6 for \$10.

Break

**Presentation**

The president gave a video presentation entitled "Celestial Beings and Objects (Artifacts) in Astronomy. Various Constellations and Asterisms in the sky and details of each was shown. Included were 14 contributed by French Astronomer Nicolas Louis de Lacaille.

There was a discussion about the web site [www.astrobin.com](http://www.astrobin.com).

Raffle was held. \$102.00 was taken in for the club.

Next meeting is March 6th at Touchmark. Presenter is Christopher Texler.

President Carter announced that Vice President Dave Covey was tasked with coming up with future speakers for the meeting star talks.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

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