

## **Minutes of the Amarillo Astronomy Club Business Meeting**

**November 11, 2016**

### **Don Harrington Discovery Center Auditorium**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Vice President Kareem Dana. There were nine members and two guests in attendance. The two guests were Robert and Jennifer from Fritch.

The treasury has \$2,267.00 as of this meeting.

Under old business, there was a short discussion about the elections held last month. Kareem reported that January will be the last time the club will meet at the Don Harrington Discovery Center (DHDC). Beginning in February, we will meet in the main conference room on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of the Amarillo National Bank. Robert Ashcraft reported that ANB has our 2017 schedule. David Heard stated he will contact the DHDC and attempt to get the club's 10" F4.5 dobsonian telescope and eyepieces back if possible.

Under new business, everyone was reminded that club member Rich Merten has esophageal cancer. He is finished with chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Surgery is planned for December. Under observing reports, Chat Davis stated he observed Messier objects from his house west of Bushland. Alan Scruggs and Bobby Schiffman assisted Art Schneider with an observing session at Alibates Canyon Interpretive Center in October. The Christmas party location is not set yet, but will be soon and e-mailed to everyone. David Heard has contacted several locations and all were booked or too expensive for the club to afford.

There was a short discussion on programs. Suggestions for possible programs were: 1) a program about maneuvering around the club's website, 2) a program about the human eye and how we see in the dark, 3) a program on imaging, and 4) perhaps a program by a local speaker such as David Oliver on planetary weather.

There was no other business. Gene S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert A. at 8:16 PM.