

Call to order: 7:08 PM

Members present: Laurence Mohr, Jurgen Patau, Martin Mika, Mike Van Susteren, Dan Hyslop

Jurgen moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented, Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Jurgen moved to adopt the minutes of the 18-December-2018 meeting as presented, Martin seconded and the motion pass unanimously by voice vote.

President's business:

President Mohr spoke about creating a volunteer activity committee to organize events to reduce the workload of the president and create a pipeline for new board members and other volunteer roles. He also gave an update on the project to install the new Paramount and his intent to buy an adapter. It was decided that Jurgen will give Dan responsibility over the madisonastro.info@gmail.com email address. Tom Ferch will likely be organizing the 2020 banquet. The board discussed plans for the next Moon Over Monona terrace event, the fundraising cocktail event and whether we should raise prices for the latter.

Treasurer's report:

Jurgen spoke about the club's finances benefiting from increased memberships. renewals are moving at a healthy clip and calendar/handbook sales will begin at the October meeting of the general membership.

Martin motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Mike seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Observatory director's report:

Martin described the current infestation of mice and we discussed ways to seal the buildings. We also discussed replacing the clubhouse door and possible long-term heating and cooling solutions including a mini-split heat pump. The dobsonian shed has been completely removed. Also discussed storage ideas and eliminating the large table in the clubhouse, adding a storage shed, details about the project to add more pads, picnic tables and upgrade the electrical.

New business:

Jurgen will look into Google's organizational email system and we discussed moving more work to committees, including an observatory improvement committee in addition to the already proposed activity committee.

No old business

Next meeting is planned for no later than March.

Jurgen moved to adjourn, Martin seconded and the motioned passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Dan Hyslop, secretary