

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
31 August 2004

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at the St. Charles Community College, Cottleville, Missouri on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2004 at 7:30 pm.

The following were present, being a quorum: James M. Roe, Yvonne J. Roe, Stacey Thater, Steve House, and Jim Twellman. Also present was board nominee Janet Lewien.

The Secretary presented a waiver of notice of the meeting which is filed with the minutes of the meeting.

The Chairperson presented the qualifications of Janet Lewien to serve on the Board for a term expiring in January of 2007. Upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously, Ms. Lewien was elected to the Board.

The Chairperson then reported on a meeting with Betty Yahn-Kramer, Parks Director and Nick Donze, Assistant Park Director. Secretary Yvonne Roe was also in attendance. A preliminary concept plan for the astronomy facility was presented and discussed. It is believed that the plan was well received and merits further development. The next step is probably to prepare and present some ideas for a legal agreement.

A discussion of the concept plan followed with the Chairperson expressing the view that parking will be very important. Director Stacey Thater pointed out the relationship between room sizes and occupancy load set by fire officials. Such matters will, of course, be handled by professionals, which need to be recruited. Chairperson Roe reported the possibility of a licensed architect who expressed interest in helping us.

The Chairperson reported that he has developed a 30-minute presentation on the Alliance's goals and plans which he has presented three times. In connection with these talks, he presented a tri-fold brochure he developed to explain our mission and vision and to recruit support.

The Chairperson reported that some results of recruiting volunteers were had during the past period. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that all such volunteers and supporters be reported in the minutes. The volunteers/supporters for the month of August 2004 are:

Associates

James M. Roe  
Yvonne J. Roe  
John Hoff  
Stacey Thater  
Steve House  
James Twellman

James Melka

Major Supporters

James and Yvonne Roe

Supporters

Cook Feldman

Janet Lewien

Director Stacey Thater reported that he is planning to attend the seminar on legal issues in volunteer management on Thursday, September 2, 2004 and will report back to the Board.

Neither the Executive Committee nor the Finance Committee met during the past period.

The Chairperson reported that he had presented a draft of the IRS 501(c)(3) application to Treasurer John Hoff who will review it.

The Chairperson reported that he had not yet sent in the Charitable Organization form to the Attorney General's Office due to a requirement to include samples of solicitation materials which are just now available.

The Chairperson led a discussion on the idea of soliciting support from local school districts. The general idea being that they *should* support our vision and mission in as much as our activities could, and should, be a real boon to them in their primary mission of educating youth. The question seemed to be, how to go about approaching them. Director Jan Lewien suggested we try to get on the agenda of the monthly Superintendent's meeting. Director Jim Twellman suggested we contact Dr. Tom Byrnes of the Wentzville School District for his counsel and advice and volunteered to try to get a meeting with Dr. Byrnes.

Director Steve House raised a question whether there was any possibility of doing something *vis a vis* the personal telescope of astronomy legend Clyde Tombaugh which has been on the market recently. No definitive action was identified at this time.

It was reaffirmed that Thursdays at 6:30 pm are probably the best times for future meetings. It is the task of the Executive Board to set meetings in general.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary