

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 22, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Moscow Mills, Missouri on the 22nd day of July at 5:30 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, Amy White, Scott Campbell, Bob Judd and Erika Gibb. James Roe, the Executive Director, Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary were also present.

Stacey Thater presented a copy of the notice for the meeting which was filed with the minutes of the meeting.

On motion properly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2008 were approved unanimously.

James Roe presented the Executive Director's report with the following high lights. A written copy is filed with the minutes.

ED Roe presented the financial statements for the second quarter ended on June 30, 2008. It was noted that we received a grant from the Boeing Employees Community Fund in the amount of \$4,000 to purchase a specialized solar telescope for use in our out reach activities to schools in particular.

The Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri continues to meet and appears healthy and robust with 49 paid members and typical attendance of some 25 at meetings.

ASEM's first fund raising events have had mixed success. The trivia night held on May 17 produced a net revenue of \$967.40. The Astronomy as Art show at the St Peters Community and Cultural Center from June 13 to July 13 had a deficit of \$1,583.16. However, the show was a great success from the point of view of promoting interest, awareness and education in astronomy and there is a inventory of unsold pictures which will continue to be marketed in hopes of recouping our investment.

ASEM hosted the 2008 Mid States Region of the Astronomical League convention at the St. Charles Community College on June 21. Some 51 family registrations were recorded with 76 banquet tickets sold. While not intended as a fund raiser, Alliance netted some \$74 for our efforts. No other club in the Region stepped forward to host the 2009 convention so ASEM took on the responsibility once again.

We have reached out to local educational institutions (UMSL and SCCC in particular) to provide telescope services to students. In the past quarter we have helped two UMSL students and 6 or so SCCC students obtain high quality image data for their student projects. We plan to continue this activity.

Efforts to secure a land donation in New Melle continue.

Under the agenda item Committee Remarks, Chairperson Thater presented a draft of the AFA Board Strategic Plan as prepared by the ad hoc committee for that purpose. Chairperson Thater gave a brief overview of the document emphasizing that it was still a work-in-progress and seeking review and input from the rest of the Board.

Under the agenda item Old Business, Chairperson Thater reminded the Board that there is still a vacancy on the Board that needs to be filled and called upon Board members to find a suitable candidate. He also reminded the Board that the position of Chairperson will be vacant soon and to be thinking about who to nominate and elect. In closing, Chairperson Thater requested that all members work on finding candidates for the vacant Board position, decide on a Chairperson candidate and study the draft strategic plan for action at the next meeting to be held in October.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary