

RASC Kingston Centre Executive Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2000

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Attendance: D. Angle, T.Dean, H. Bartlett, P Hurley, K.Angle, S.Gagnon, L.Gagne, J.Hurley, K. Kell, D. Mastrianni.

Agenda Circulated and Adopted.

- ATM - Kendra
 - \$100 has been spent on the final supplies required to finish the 24 inch mirror (this includes pitch) \$1000-2000 is expected to be needed to complete the scope. Purchase of all remaining materials is expected to be complete by the end of the year, with the scope completion early in the new year.
- Education - Laura
 - The book to cover the astronomy portion of the science curriculum for grade 6, scaling back the grade 9 stuff, is planned for the summer when Laura will have more time.
 - There will be a bit of a push in March to get the schools interested before the budgets are submitted in April.
 - There are hopes to maintain the same committee and approach the schools through Barry O'Connor the Director of Education and the Science Coordinator (name yet to be revealed!), since the science department structure differs at the elementary level.
 - Next week is the deadline for Doug to register for the Science Teachers Association of Ontario seminar in Toronto where he will do 2-1hour sessions, one for grade 6 and one for grade 9.
 - Curriculum night(exclusive student evening) is scheduled for Jan 27 at Murney Tower. A rain date of "any public obs session" is suggested.

- \$1850.00 has been received so far from the Limestone School Board for the teachers seminar.
- Ed Book order filling will be now based on "please send cheque or p.o. number with your order" The web page order form will be updated to reflect this.
- Related printing etc. Run of 10 booklets to be done and given to Hank Run of 5 of each slide set to be done and given to Hank.
- Process as follows... Susan gets order with cheque , she calls John and says I have the money (or P.O.) and then calls Hank and Hank mails out the order.
- A modified western version of the booklet has been requested and the ed committee will look into what is required to make the book more universal in this respect. The committee will also tackle the question "have we created a Monster".
- Observing and Observing certificates - Tom
 - Certificates in progress -- a binoc cert. Kingston Centre version of Leo's BOG list. Hank will promote the YOG activities as listed. The main strategy is to begin with the BOG lists and promote them in the Centre.
 - Laura, **motion:** establish Beginners Observing Certificates of Achievement Program based on the activities in the BOG. | 2nd Kevin ...*carried*.
- YOG - Hank
 - Things are going well, with groups averaging 6 kids, this is a nice number and the committee feels that it is a comfortable startup number. Perhaps more advertising will bring more kids along later but there is a quantity vs. quality issue that the YOG committee must address.
- Science Fair Awards
 - Every one remembers discussing this but no one remembers what was decided. To be gleaned from past meetings, how many prizes, and do we supply a judge.
- Grade 9 text book errors,
- Laura is still looking for input until the end of the week, what matters and what doesn't is the issue in several cases. The comments will be sent along in the least inflammatory fashion possible.
- National Council - Susan
 - Nothing from the top down but ideas to be presented to National in March are... Can we have a deadline for the mailing out of the Handbooks_____. Just to have a definitive date to give members waiting.
 - Does the Exec plan to do another survey like one done approx. 10 years ago?

- Can we get an updated version of the Grant Application Request?
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- How is the update on the Handbook coming along in general?
- Report deadlines fast approaching for Secretary and Treasurer.
- Equipment Audit:
 - to be done yearly between Jan 1 and April 30. To be completed by the Prez and turned over to the Secretary. Personal items on loan to the Centre will no be included in this list.
 - Was a thank you letter sent to Joe Casser, Newburgh, KOK 2S0? He has donated a 16inch flat mirror to be ground for a telescope. Susan will check with Kim to see what has been done, and follow up.
- Financial Stuff - John
 - Numbers on file with treasurer \$13,000 in the bank There is revenue from the teachers seminar still to come ± \$1200 Coming expenditures --slide sets, newsletter, other operating expenses.
 - **Motion**, Kevin --lock in \$5000.00 in some fashion, at the discretion of the Treasurer, for a full year. | Second, Laura.
 - **Motion tabled**, so other potential expenses could be discussed.
- Survey Results.
 - Feedback was as expected, middle of the road. When tallied there were no areas of clear dissent. Equipment purchases were an area of interest and the exec as a group thought that more telescopes were not the way to go and modest purchases of eyepieces and filters not exceeding \$1000.00 would be the best way to proceed.
 - An observatory was discussed and all acknowledged that it was not something that would happen in the next 12 mos.
 - We returned to the \$5000 lock in and the Motion was carried.
- Astronomy Day - Don
 - Budget assigned was \$100.00 to get the basics done. Don wanted to know if he could have \$400.00 to buy a scope the raffle off. This was rejected due to the lack of information about raffle licence and permission from the CTC. The Sears court is booked and we have first choice of the centre court should it become available.
- Star Party
 - Too many irons in the fire as it is for this year.
- What is the feeling on endorsements?
 - Store endorsements are a real can of worms, no control over the staff involved or the changing product lines carried. The only thing that seemed safe enough to tackle was to recommend good starter equipment on the web site.

Need more brochures, yes will be printed.
2000 exec file distributed by Kevin.
Next meeting Feb. 7 another Sunday p.m.

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