



Jonestown Night Sky Advocacy

Monthly Meeting via Zoom Minutes

Monday November 18, 2024

5:00 pm

Call to Order: 5:05pm

Members attending: Mark Grossman, Meshell Counterman, Lecia Ellis, Darla Ekrut, David Morley, Anne Morley

Approve October Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously

Secretary-Treasurer Report:

- Bank Balance \$3763.20
 - Deposit: \$ 49.66 Reimbursement for Star Party Flyer printing exp.
 - Expense: \$100.00 donation to Austin Astronomical Association

Presidents Updates and Open Discussion:

- Star Party:
 - We will move the Star Party to Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge in the spring.
 - Larger outreach.
 - Possibly do another Star Party in the fall at Jones Brothers Park.
 - Lecia to reach out to Tom Campbell for date options.
- New Jonestown Sign
 - JNSA would like to have input in the lighting for the sign. Mark to call Ann D to discuss.
- One Sky 24-hour seminar
 - Lecia attended a portion of this seminar.
- Instagram Account
 - Anne is still working on getting an Instagram account set up. Ann D has the admin capabilities for our FB account and Anne M does not. Anne M is going to work with Ann D.

- Jonestown Website
 - David is working on getting our JNSA website link visible on the city website.
- TxDOT Trash sponsor sign
 - Darla and her husband Mark have sponsored a TxDOT Trash sign. There is a place to add a sticker. Darla is looking into JNSA adding a sticker that says I Love Dark Skies.
- Grants
 - Mark has submitted two grant applications to Hill Country Alliance (HCA): one for funding to purchase and install two permanent SQM stations, and one for purchasing and installing replacement exterior light fixtures at the retail strip center where the liquor store is located. Will know if we were awarded the grants in December 2024.
- Quarterly newsletter
 - Anne is starting work on the Newsletter
 - Looking for topics which may include the following:
 - Focus on assisting the businesses becoming compliant.
 - Star Party Date
 - Cajun Fest Date
- Graphic for Wastewater bill
 - Anne will create a new graphic for this.
- Lago Vista School outreach
 - Patti is meeting with the Curriculum director of Lago Vista Schools in December to work on a presentation to students.
- Business Card
 - Anne is making the changes discussed to the business card. Will send out for editing and comments.

2024-2025 Significant Dates

November 14, 2024 - IDSP Annual Report submitted to the City
 January 31, 2025 - IDSP Annual Report Due to DarkSky (JNSA's goal is to submit it to International DarkSky before December 20, 2024)
 April 5, 2025 - Cajun Fest

Next Meeting: December 16, 2024, 5pm

ADJOURN: 6:01pm