

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2015

Start at 7:51 pm, 10 attendees

First meeting at Virtua Health & Wellness Center in Moorestown, NJ. Tony discussed who we are now, the "West Jersey Astronomical Society," because the word "Willingboro" is not well received! Our Treasurer-elect Wade Evans is here. Some more discussion from Vice President-elect Bernie as to why we left the school. Some more discussion from Tony and Bernie as to our particulars here at Virtua. There was a question of getting new business cards from Vistaprint for \$10 a thousand. Some more talk on what content to use on the cards. Returned to the Willingboro name and why we needed to change it — more discussion from various people. Tony supplied the form for a letter to Resurrection School.

Now some new business. Suzanne mentioned a possible star party at LL Bean, no details available at this time. Bernie to supply meeting activity if no one else does, so be forewarned. Members listing an idea to be brought up — can it be distributed to members? Can this be done as a sub-group of web page? Question of arrangement of dues, can people opt out of the distribution list? Question of next meeting — is it to be here on January 8, 2016? Yes, as it stands now. Bernie noted that we need more content for the meetings, please advise if you have something very involved. Also, there was a question of membership in the United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey, followed by discussion.

Some business prospect from Val, upcoming 50th anniversary of the club. Some discussion as to whether we want to do this. Rick from swim club — his daughter works at Passariello's Pizzeria in downtown Moorestown. Also, there's a pizza place in the nearby shopping center. Discussed whether we want the telescope at Resurrection School back, followed by discussion of what scope assets the club has. Who has what? Need to send listing to Wade. Pocket Sky Atlas on display and questions of how best to use it. Also, Bernie showed a homemade LED panel and a button-battery version, then displayed various arrangements — more on how they work and spectral output. Some questions on using them from Marcus, explained by Bernie, and Telrad really is a reflex sight. LED displayed. Finally, some discussion on relativity from Bernie and Marcus, with respect to how much we are moving at any given time.

Adjourned at 9:44 pm