



West Valley Astronomy Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Dec 6, 2022

Meeting: Beardsley Recreation Center - 12755 W Beardsley Rd, Sun City West, AZ 85375 - #1 Chicory Room

Board Members & Volunteers Present: Bob Randle (President), Paul Bleikamp (Vice President), Bob Colvert (Treasurer & Program Director), John Hiatt (Secretary and Outreach Director), Janie Randle (Membership Director), Peggy Ann Tweedy (Hospitality Director), Larry Matney (Star Party Coordinator), ~~Amin Panani (Astro-photography Leader)~~, along with other volunteers, club members and visitors (= **47 total present**).

1 - Opening Remarks: The regular meeting of WVAC was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bob Randle. Bob Introduced himself and thanked everyone in attendance.

2 - Speaker: Bob Colvert introduced tonight's speaker, Dr. Danielle Adams Lowell Observatory via Zoom

Speaker Bio: Dr. Adams is responsible for leading the strategic marketing and branding efforts of Lowell Observatory. At Lowell Observatory, she continues to be active in astronomy education, speaking to various groups about Arabic cultural astronomy and the heritage of the many Arabic star names astronomers use today. She is also an associate member of the International Astronomical Union's Working Group on star names.

Where she lends her expertise on Arabian and Islamic astronomical traditions.well Observatory.

Topic/Title: "Arabian cultural astronomy and the heritage of Arabic star names"

3 - Future Meetings: The January through May speakers are lined up.

4 - Future Outreach Activities

Surprise Sci Tech Festival: Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Marley Park Elementary 2nd grade Space Unit: Feb 16, 9:00 am - 10:00 am solar viewing and talk to classes.

Working on Peoria Library for spring 2023

5 - Future Club Field Trips: Flagstaff, Arizona (Powell Observatory HAS REOPENED), Very Large Array (Socorro New Mexico), Animas New Mexico (Dark Sky Site) , Kit Peak National Observatory (Tucson Arizona), Meteor Lab (ASU - Tempe Arizona), Mirror Lab (UA - Tucson), East Valley Observatory.

6 - Other business: DUES for 2023 were collected.

The 50/50 drawing and Silent Auction were very successful!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on December 7, 2022.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date _____

Bob Randle (WVAC President)