

## **Minutes from the November 7, 2011, Board Meeting of the Howard Astronomical League (HAL).**

The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. at the “Pasta Blitz” restaurant in Ellicott City.

The meeting was attended by President Bob Prokop, Treasurer Peter Friedman, Observatory Chair Joel Goodman, Webmaster Chas Rimpo, Events Coordinator David Stein, Past President Wayne Baggett, Member Tony Matesi, and Secretary David Illig.

Bob noted that the Holiday Party was snowed out last year, and he proposed that we try again at the December meeting. The Board agreed. Joel volunteered to bring expendables—plates, flatware, cups, and the like. Attendees will bring food and supply their own beverages.

Bob asked if there is an alternative to the Yahoo discussion group. The consensus was that there probably is not, but no conclusion was reached.

HAL 2012 Calendar. Joel moved that Bob announce that there would be no calendar. Chris Todd had asked about the calendar and Bob is to ask Chris to collect photos from HAL members. If Chris is unable to collect photos, there will be no calendar.

The attendees liked Chas Rimpo’s attractive-looking HAL-logo long-sleeve T shirt. Joel will order one HAL logo coffee mug from Vistaprint and David Stein will get one from Dazzle (for comparison purposes?)

Joel reported that the observatory plans are with Howard County. It is probably too late in the year to pour concrete. A HAL team will move the dome from Mike Hall’s home to the abandoned Bushy Park Elementary School on MD Route 97 in northern Howard County.

January Election:

Joel and Chas will remain in their positions as Observatory Chair and Webmaster, respectively, and David Stein will continue as Events Coordinator. That means that we need a <President,> First Vice president, a Second Vice President, <a Treasurer> and a Secretary. Wayne volunteered to handle publicity, but Bob said that publicity should be the role of a Vice President. Joel Goodman and Tony Matesi will make up the nominating committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.