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The meeting opened at 6:45 pm

A reminder that our Lewis and Clark star party is set for this Friday the 12th and the Owl Observatory club only party is this Saturday the 13th.

We discussed the possibility of moving Star Watch to Egg Mountain near Chouteau. Tom McKena from SMAS told us that the Museum of the Rockies had purchased the site. This would reduce the fees charged for Star Watch and allow us to have vendors and a Saturday meal without dealing with the forest service. Questions were asked such as; what would RV access be like, what camping spots there are, how the weather might be, among others. We will keep in touch with SMAS concerning this matter. Star Watch 2005 is set for August 5th, 6th, and 7th.

And the nominations for new officers are:

Chip Wright for President
Carol Schile for Treasurer
Jim Krick for AlCor

Jane Surmi for Vice President
Rollin Grey for Secretary

Board member nominations are (we will choose 3):

Roger Russell Neil Cimo Patty Lewis Ken Ferguson

We discussed attending a regional star party as a group. The costs, distance and dates were the primary considerations. Jim Krick will compile a list of the various parties for future discussion. One question was if the regional star party occurred at the same time as Star Watch, would the remaining members be able to support Star Watch.

The Childrens Museum wanted to know if we could help with an astronomy theme there. They have a wall they would like decorated. We donated \$100.00 to the museum some time back and have a tile for them.

A question was raised about the fee that was charged at the Lunar Eclipse party. Were we charging the public for the event? No, the tech café charged for the event and split the money with us. This was to cover his advertising

costs. We received \$100.00 for our service. It is possible that we may no longer be doing star parties at the Tech Café.

We talked about past events we have done at schools churches and even Boy Scout activities. We decided we needed to do more of these. The club usually doesn't charge for these but requests a donation, mainly to cover fuel and food costs. It was mentioned that some groups such as church camps, schools. The 4H club and others would pay us for our services.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm