Meeting minutes for 04/26/2018

Marcus, KF4YHP, greeted everyone

Treasurer Report

- Our treasurer reported roughly 12.5K in the bank, with all bills paid.
- We have two new member applications, they were voted in.

Secretary / Webmaster Report

- No new secretary items to report.
- For the website, Robert reported a "Getting Started" page has been added. This page has information and resources for not just the Technician license, but on upgrading to General or Extra class. Robert welcomes feedback on links or other information that could be added.

Vice Presidents Report

- Michael stated the next program will be on the spectrum reallocation initiative the FCC is launching to reallocate TV frequencies.
- We are always looking for program ideas, suggestions, and especially volunteers.

Other Business

Marcus gave the troubling news that due to job changes he will likely need to start working on Thursday nights and thus no longer be able to attend club meetings. He stressed the need to find new officers to fill vacating positions.

Presentation.

Robert, N4IXT, gave a presentation on RTL-SDR, a software defined radio dongle that plugs into your USB port and allows you to receive a wide range of frequencies. The presentation was in two parts. The first part covered the use of your computer to interface with the RTL-SDR dongle, the second half showed how to use it with an Android based device such as an Android tablet or phone.

For those who missed the meeting, or want a refresher, you can see recordings of the presentations on his YouTube page, just go to http://arcanetube.com to be taken there.

Robert also mentioned a book, The Hobbyist's Guide to the RTL-SDR (https://www.amazon.com/Hobbyists-Guide-RTL-SDR-Software-Defined/dp/1514716690/ref=sr_1_2_twi_pap_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1524955898&sr=1-2&keywords=RTL-SDR) that is an excellent resource. It goes beyond just the basics covered in the presentation and videos to cover the more advanced things that can be done with the dongle.