



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Beth Ziegler - President	X	Jennifer Antonio	
Amanda Webster– Vice President		Amanda Benninger	
Kim Vandall - Treasurer	X	Helianna Galvis-Orr	
Kelly Dunn - Secretary	X	Tricia Holland	
Sandy Page	X	Robin Parsons	
Amy Riggio	X	Lee Ann Riner	
Aaron Rose			
Vickie Zaccari	X	MASD Admin	
		Dr. Samantha Flanhofer	
		Mr. Travis Mineard	
		Mr. Douglas Skelley	

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Meeting Minutes – The Meeting Minutes from April 2025 were discussed.

- ❖ Vickie Zaccari motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Amy Riggio. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Teacher Grant Presentation #1

- ❖ Mr. Schoeffel – Full Body Mannequin for Enhanced Training and Instruction
 - Grant request for a full-body mannequin to support hands-on training and educational demonstrations in Mars Area High School Health classes and staff training. Rescue Randy is a 105lb, large, hard-body safety and first aid instruction mannequin.
 - Mr. Schoeffel is requesting \$1,527 to fulfill this grant request.

Teacher Grant Presentation Discussion #1

- ❖ Full Body Mannequin- Grant discussion
 - Kim Vandall motioned to approve the grant in the full amount of \$1,527 with EITC funds used to fulfill. Sandy Page seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in approving the grant as submitted and fully funding it.

Teacher Grant Presentation #2

- ❖ Mr. Mayer – Cardio Equipment
 - Grant request additional cardio equipment for the Mars Area High School cardio room. This equipment will have new technology to allow students and faculty to sync equipment with their digital devices to track fitness goals and progress or to interact with instructional programs.
 - Request is for 3 treadmills and 4 stationary bikes. The total amount of the request is \$20,875.

Teacher Grant Presentation Discussion #2

- ❖ Cardio Equipment - Scholarship discussion
 - Beth Ziegler moves to approve the grant in an amended amount not to exceed \$10,000 and funded by the general fund. Vickie Zaccari seconded the motion. The vote was approved unanimously.

President Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Mr. Black was denied the Baird Foundation Grant for the biology trip.
- ❖ Discussion with Amy Zolner regarding the goals and purpose of the Mars Planet Foundation should help to guide future submissions from the Elementary teachers.
- ❖ Beth will draft a letter to the Mars Area administration and school board regarding the purpose and mission statement of the Mars Planet Foundation and disappointment in the denial of basic teacher needs requested to be submitted in this year's school district budget. The Mars Planet Foundation is not to be used to replace budgeted items.

Treasurer Report – Presented by Kim Vandall

- ❖ Kim is taking insurance to market to price policy options.
- ❖ May Scholarships money will be sent out immediately.
- ❖ Kim presented a restructured financial report to identify General Operations, EITC account and Scholarship account funds.
- ❖ Mars Planet Foundation still has not been billed for awarded grants and materials purchased. Contact the District Business Manager again in the morning.

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- ❖ May 14, 2025 was the annual Academic Excellence Ceremony where all scholarships were presented. The night was a great success. Catering was done by Just in Thyme catering.
- ❖ 109 Essay submissions were received for and reviewed by the Mars Planet Foundation.

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ The MAC Scoreboard is completely sold out! Scoreboard advertising nets approximately \$40,960.

EITC Report – Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Nothing new to report

Technology Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Jeannie Irwin volunteered to review the current Mars Planet Foundation and update the necessary information.

Communications Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler – Same topic as last month

- ❖ Social Media
 - Need Communications Chair Volunteer
- ❖ Newsletter
 - Jeannie Irwin volunteered to create the following newsletter.

New Business

- ❖ Beth Ziegler moved to add Jeannie Irwin to the Mars Planet Foundation board as a community ambassador. Amy Riggio seconded the motion, and all in attendance voted yes.
- ❖ The School Board proposed the idea of partnering with the Mars Planet Foundation to hire a Development Director who would be responsible for fundraising efforts for the Mars Planet Foundation as well as writing Grant Proposals for the Mars Area School District.

Kelly Dunn motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Vandall. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in the Board Room at the MASD Admin building.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Dunn