MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

September 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Beth Ziegler - President	X	Jennifer Antonio	
Sandy Page – Vice President	X	Helianna Galvis-Orr	
Kim Vandall - Treasurer		Tricia Holland	
Kelly Dunn - Secretary	X	Robin Parsons	
Jeannie Irwin	X		
Amanda Salkeld			
Vickie Zaccari	X	**MASD Admin**	
Jennifer DiCuccio	X	Dr. Travis Mineard	X
Madelynn Barkley	X		
Aaron Best	X		

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Meeting Minutes – The Meeting Minutes from August 2026 were discussed.

- Jennifer DiCuccio moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jeannie Irwin. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Teacher Grant Presentation

- **Gail Quigley,** Mars Area High School Librarian, made a virtual presentation to create a media studio in the high school.
    - A media studio to be created inside the library of the high school would be available to use by the 1100 students and teachers in the building. This space would be used to record Podcasts and recordings. Once Phase 2 is completed, the space could also be used as a collaboration space, study room, or for tutoring.
        - Used by student-created podcasts and by teachers as part of their curriculum for ELA courses, debate, and media.
        - 2 Phases to this space creation. Phase 1 is the podcasting equipment. Phase 2 is construction of blocking in the room. The Tech-Ed teacher and students are working on the design and construction of the space. Mrs Quigley is requesting the necessary equipment for podcasting for Phase 1 only.
- **Four sets of microphones and headphones totaling $3,595.95. This amount was the cost of equipment found in June 2026. She is not sure if prices have increased.**

Teacher Grant Presentation Discussion

Jeannie Irwin moved to approve the requested teacher grant in an amount not to exceed $4,000. This will cover any minor cost increase from the summer. Vickie Zaccari seconds the motion. Unanimous vote by all members in attendance to approve the grant request.

President's Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- Nothing to Report

Treasurer Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- A donation was donated by Carol Wiley in memory of her sister who passed away
- Six-month CD is maturing in October and funds will be moved to the general checking account. A decision is needed at the next meeting of what direction to take for these funds. Adding to the agenda for the October 2026 meeting.

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- All scholarship materials have been transferred to Jeannie Irwin to take over the Scholarship Committee
- A letter needs to go out to all previous scholarship donors to see who will be participating again

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- Honda North inquired about being a PA sponsor at football games; Beth Ziegler provided information about scoreboard sponsorship. Beth Ziegler also contacted The Heartland Group (Dunkin' Donuts) about the scoreboard.
- Spirit store was created and tested by Jeannie Irwin and is ready to go live and promote. Spirit store will be open year-round and direct-ship to purchasers

EITC Report –

- Nothing to report

Technology Report – Presented by Jeannie Irwin

- All links have been updated on the website

Communications Report – Presented by Jeannie Irwin

- Nothing to report

New Business

- Lee Ann Riner has resigned from The Mars Planet Foundation as a community ambassador.
- Aaron Best has requested to join the board of the Mars Planet Foundation
    - Jen DiCuccio moved to approve Aaron Best as a Mars Planet Foundation board member. Jeanie Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, adding Aaron Best as a board member.

Sandy Page moved to adjourn the meeting, which Vickie Zaccari seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, October 20th, 2026, in the Mars Area School District Admin building board room at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Dunn