



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

August 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

- ❖ Kim Vandall motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jeannie Irwin. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Teacher Grant Presentation

- NONE

Teacher Grant Presentation Discussion

- NONE

President Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Welcome back to a new school year. Beth introduced the concept of an executive director role as exemplified by a neighboring school district. Beth and Kim met with a current Executive Director for a board associated with a local school district to understand the role of the director, the board, and how it may work for MPF.
- ❖ Discussed looking into software for scholarship applications to streamline the process for submissions, both on the student end and on the foundation board end. Kaleidoscope is one system used by a local district that is estimated to cost about \$7,000/year. Jeannie is going to look into some other programs or alternative systems to make the process easier on all.

Treasurer Report – Presented by Kim Vandall

- ❖ Funds from the current money market account were moved into a CD for a higher rate of return.
- ❖ Insurance was put out for bid, and the new policy will save 39% with the new carrier.
- ❖ \$4,250 in outstanding scholarship checks need to be cashed. This should be done this month as students are starting their school year.

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- ❖ Scholarship list will be updated on the Mars Planet Foundation website.

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ All scoreboard panels have been installed and all funds from each sponsor have been received.
- ❖ Kim to confirm receipt of adult ticket sale funds from Debbie Brandstetter. .25 of all adult tickets sold at various events goes to the Mars Planet Foundation.

EITC Report – Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Proposed to earmark \$5,000 of EITC Funds for CHS tuition fees for those students who qualify for free and reduced lunches.
- ❖ Kim Vandall motioned to vote on earmarking \$5,000 of EITC funds for CHS Tuition fees. Sandy Page seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Technology Report – Presented by Jeannie Irwin

- ❖ Website updates being completed by Jeannie. The next push is to replace photos with more recent activities and students.
- ❖ Explore discontinuing the use of Give Smart platform due to an increase in cost and look into the Square platform for future transactions.
- ❖ Social Media
 - Jeannie will be given Facebook access to post for Mars Planet Foundation and create a marketing strategy through social media outlets.

New Business

- ❖ Welcome to Laura Seabrooke, who was visiting as a community member. Laura runs many charitable organization initiatives in Mars and is considering joining the board.

Jeannie Irwin motioned to adjourn the meeting, which Kelly Dunn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday , September 16th, 2025, in the Board Room at the MASD Admin building.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Dunn