



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

August 17, 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	X	Tricia Holland	
Kelly Dunn - Secretary	X	Robin Parsons	
Jeannie Irwin	X	Lee Ann Riner	
Amy Riggio	X		
Amanda Salkeld	X	MASD Admin	
Vickie Zaccari	X	Dr. Travis Mineard	X
Jennifer DiCuccio			
Madelynn Barkley	X		

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

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

- ❖ Beth Ziegler moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Kelly Dunn. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Teacher Grant Presentation - No presentations

Teacher Grant Presentation Discussion – No discussions

President's Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ 2025-2026 school year recap. Record year for EITC income and increase in sponsorship income from banners.
- ❖ Amy Riggio has resigned from the Mars Planet Foundation effective immediately. Thankful for her years of service and dedication to The Mars Planet Foundation over the past 5 years.

Treasurer Report – Presented by Kim Vandall

- ❖ All but 5 scholarship checks have been cleared
- ❖ Add to September agenda a discussion about CD that is coming due. \$115,000
- ❖ EITC rollover amount of \$28,000 for 2026-2027 school year

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- ❖ Vickie is handing over all materials to Jeannie to transition as head of scholarship committee
- ❖ Dr. Mineard is going to research AI program (Turnitin) that is used by Mars teachers to inquire about an available license to be used by Mars Planet Foundation in reviewing scholarships.

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Banner production for new sponsors has been completed. Need installed at MAC
- ❖ Jeannie demonstrated a Mars spiritwear store that she created to be a permanent link on Mars Planet Foundation webpage to sell Mars spiritwear all year long.
- ❖ Kim Vandall motioned to spend no more than \$300 to order prototype materials from new spiritwear store as a trial for the process before rolling it out to the public. Sandy Page seconds the motion and a unanimous vote passes the motion.

EITC Report –

- ❖ Amanda Salkeld has volunteered to take over EITC reporting from Amy Riggio moving forward

Technology Report – Presented by Jeannie Irwin

- ❖ Nothing to report

Communications Report – Presented by Jeannie Irwin

- ❖ Request to be sent to Josh, MASD Communications Coordinator, to send the link for the Mars Planet Foundation newsletter out in a mass email to all faculty and students in each building

New Business

- ❖ No new business

Vickie Zaccari motioned to adjourn the meeting, which Amanda Salkeld seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, September 15, 2026, in the Mars Area School District Admin building board room at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Dunn