



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

November 18, 2025 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		
Aaton Rose	X	MASD Admin	
Vickie Zaccari	X	Dr. Travis Mineard	X

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

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

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

Teacher Grant Presentation

- ❖ Mr. Nypaver – Ombea Response Pads
 - Grant request for funding the purchase of a complete set of Ombea ResponsePad clickers. Clickers will be given to students in his classroom to encourage and facilitate class participation. Students use the clicker to respond to questions and can be reviewed by the teacher instantly. The total cost for this purchase is \$1,508.

Teacher Grant Presentation Discussion

- ❖ Ombea ResponsePad Clickers
 - The board discussed the proposed grant request and also the possibility of ordering two sets. One set for Mr. Nyapver and one set for the high school building, where teachers can share the system and use it in their classroom as needed.
 - A motion was made by Sandy Page to approve the grant as requested and add set to the order along with batteries for both sets. Beth seconds the motion and adds that the grant approval is contingent on receiving EITC funds to cover the full cost, which should be in December 2025. All voting members voted yeah.
- ❖ Tech Ed – Television Raspberry PI project – proposal by Mr. Machusko in October 2025
 - The vote on Mr. Machusko’s grant proposal was tabled to find out more information about who will manage the upkeep and programming of the systems. Mr. Machusko stated it will be an ongoing project that will integrate a few classes, Broadcast Journalism, Graphic Design, and Tech Ed, to continually update content on the systems.
 - Beth Ziegler motioned to approve the grant request for 5 Raspberry PI systems and the requested televisions, not to exceed \$3,800. Funds are contingent upon receipt of EITC

money in the amount of the grant request. Jeannie Irwin seconds the motion, and all voting members unanimously approve.

President's Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Beth presented Mr. Black and Ms. Baysek's video for the Environmental Science field trip that was funded by the Mars Planet Foundation.
- ❖ Books were ordered from the grant awarded in October to the Centennial school teachers for their Battle of the Books program. Each book includes a Mars Planet Foundation logo on the cover.

Treasurer Report – Presented by Kim Vandall

- ❖ Checks have been written and sent for AP exam fees.
- ❖ Received confirmation from NextTier Bank that the Mars Planet Foundation will again be receiving an EITC donation, just waiting to hear the amount.

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- ❖ Vickie has booked Just In Thyme catering for the annual scholarship night reception to be hosted on May 13th at the High School Auditorium.
- ❖ Only two scholarships are not returning to The Mars Planet Foundation this year – the McConnell and Choura scholarships. One will present on their own, and the other will no longer be active.

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Nothing to Report

EITC Report – Amy Riggio

- ❖ EITC renewal application has been completed and submitted to the DCED for approval. Expecting to hear back on the approval or request for more information at the end of December.

Technology Report – Presented by Jeannie Irwin

- ❖ Nothing to report

Communications Report – Presented by Jeannie Irwin

- ❖ Jeannie will be adding Facebook posts to recognize EITC donors and recent grant recipients and their projects.
- ❖ Giving Tuesday email blasts to be sent.

New Business

- ❖ No new business to report

Amy Riggio motioned to adjourn the meeting, which Vickie Zaccari seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

There will not be a December meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Dunn