

# Mars Planet Foundation

December 19, 2017

**Members present:** Dr. Pettigrew, Wyatt Lee, Holly Wetherholt, Jackie Fennell, Dayle Ferguson, Becky Brown, Vickie Zaccari, Carol Knox, Elizabeth McMahon, John Kennedy

**Members absent:** Bonnie Weaver, Linda Romito, Paula Hooper, Cara Schultz

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## Vice President Wyatt Lee called the meeting to order at 6:31

- Emily Diani and Sasha Zavacky, *Mars Primary Center Teachers*, presented their grant for Osmo. Osmo is an award-winning game system for the Apple I-Pad. The Osmo fosters learning in key areas as problem solving, art, STEM, and Common Core.
  - *The Foundation voted to fund the entire grant request of \$1, 838.25.*
- Adam Benson, *Mars Middle School Teacher*, presented his grant for a Sustainability Lab. The grant was a collective grant request from Mr. Benson, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Winter, Ms. Stavish, and Miss Hegerich. The project is designed to provide all students in seventh and eighth grade a hands-on, cross-curricular, STEAM experience focused on sustainability and the community.
  - *The Foundation voted to fund the entire grant request of \$2,000.00*
- Rita Dorsch has fulfilled her term as a board representative for the MPF and has been replaced by Mr. John Kennedy. Welcome John we are glad to have you aboard!!
- Jackie Fennell gave the Treasurer's Report.
  - Pittsburgh Foundation Account= \$93,358.00
  - Mars National Bank= \$84, 532.24
- Becky Brown reviewed the dollar amount for the Kean Scholarships to be disbursed at the 2017 Academic Banquet.
  - Because the Kean Foundation did not donate to the MPF in 2017, *the board voted to disburse the following dollar amounts per each scholarship.*
    - *The Kean Arts Scholarship = \$2,000.00*
    - *The Kean STEAM Scholarship = \$2,000.00*
    - *The Mars Planet Foundation Scholarship= \$2,500.00*
- Holly Wetherholt suggested guidelines to accompany the Teacher Grant Request Form for the 2018-2019 School Year.
- Dayle Ferguson suggested a small media clip to highlight the grants and student scholarships given throughout the years to help promote the Foundation. Josh Schwobel will be consulted as well as the Media Coordinator, Cara Schultz, from the Foundation.
- January is the yearly reorganization of the Foundation. As of 1/2018 the following years remain in each board member's term:
  - *John Kennedy 3 years, William Pettigrew 2 years, Wyatt Lee 0 years, Holly Wetherholt 0 years, Jackie Fennell 2 years, Becky Brown 2 years, Vickie Zaccari 1 year, Carol Knox 1 year, Cara Schultz 1 year.*
- Vickie Zaccari recommended increasing Community membership to help increase assistance with the Golf Outing and other Fundraising events.

**The Following Teaching Grants were awarded for the 2017 Calendar Year**

Samantha Flanhofer	Student Store	\$1,500.00
Melinda Badger/Megan Balawejder	Jim "Basketball Jones"	\$750.00
Melinda Badger/Megan Balawejder	Skydome Planetarium	\$995.00
Bill Wesley	Wallop's Island	\$3,600.00
Krista Goodzinski/Megan Balawejder	Diversity Library Books	\$362.75
Erin Bridge	STEAM Project	\$1,101.64
Cetta Richards	Flexible Seating	\$2,507.00
Jamie Waters/Deb Kravets/Tracey Jones	Flexible Seating	\$2,800.00
Adam Benson	Sustainability Lab	\$2,000.00
Emily Diani/Sasha Zavacky	Osmo Educational Tool for the I-Pad	\$1,838.25

**The Following Student Scholarships were awarded for the 2017 Calendar Year**

Academic Banquet	\$2,500.00
Academic Banquet Speaker	\$500.00
Advanced Placement Test Reimbursement	\$16,267.20
Mars Planet Foundation Education Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Kean STEAM Student Scholarship	\$2,500.00
Kean Art Student Scholarship	\$2,500.00

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.*

*The next MPF meeting is **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** @ **6:30** in the Administration Building*

*Minutes Submitted by MPF Secretary, Holly Wetherholt*

