

Mars Planet Foundation Meeting

February 21, 2017

Members Present: Dr. Pettigrew, Wyatt Lee, Holly Wetherholt, Jackie Fennell, Bonnie Weaver, Becky Brown, Anna Saker, Carol Knox, Cara Shultz

Absent Members: Rita Dorsch, Vicki Zaccari, Dayle Ferguson, Caileigh Seskey, Nicole Summers, Alex Chipps, **Linda Romito**

President Dr. Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Ms. Paula Hooper was introduced by Wyatt Lee. Ms. Hooper would like to serve as an Ambassador to the Foundation. Ms. Hooper lives in the community, has children who attend the district, and serves as a sponsor for the Belinda Terzich Memorial Scholarship. Welcome Ms. Hooper we are delighted to have you as a member of the Foundation.

Jacki Fennell gave a treasurer report regarding **EITC**. For the **2015-2016** the Foundation received **\$5,000.00**. For the **2016-2017** school year the Foundation received **\$14,000.00**.

- The board voted to reimburse the AP student test takers from May 2016 and May 2017. The rate of payment will be **\$92.00 for a score of 5** and **\$73.60 for a score of 4**.
- The Mars Planet Foundation will no longer need to **propose** a grant for the AP student test taker reimbursement program. The Mars School District has enrolled in a program that provides reimbursement to the students.
- Dr. Shipley is **proposing** a new grant proposal for the Foundation in seeking EITC monies.
 - Anna Saker, school liaison, will give the proposal to Holly Wetherholt, secretary. Holly will put necessary forms with the tax return and compilation together and submit to the state by May 1st, 2017.

Due to lack of time and planning the **Mars Area School District Retiree Luncheon** has been moved to **October 5th, 2017 @ 12:00**. The luncheon will be held at **Treesdale Country Club**. The luncheon will serve as a fundraiser and highlight the programs sponsored by the Foundation.

Carol Knox will inquire about Insurance for the Foundation. A group policy may be available through the Pennsylvania Foundation Association.

Jacki Fennell, treasurer, will pay the annual dues to the Pennsylvania Foundation Association.

Becky Brown, scholarship coordinator, reported on the student scholarships. The deadline for the students to submit their essays to guidance is **April 12th**. Once Becky receives the essays, she will send an e-mail to the Foundation members to assist in evaluating the essays. All recipients and sponsors of the scholarships are invited to attend the **Academic Banquet on May 10th, 2017**.

Banner Program:

- Dr. Pettigrew handed out and reviewed the new Athletic Field Banner program. He will review the program with the booster groups in the Fall.
- All Booster organizations will purchase a banner from the Foundation at a rate of \$500.00. After purchasing the banner from the Foundation, the booster organizations may charge a different rate for the banner to their customer.
- **Banners purchased from the Foundation directly and not a booster organization will remain on field of choice for an entire school year.**
- **Banners will be 3'x8'. There are no limits of color used for company logo and the company must supply the logo to the printing company.**
- **An example banner will be hung at the MAC in the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.**
- Banners will be made by The Mars Planet Foundation and hung by the Mars Area School District on requested athletic field.
- Banners will be removed after respectful athletic season. For example, after football season all banners will be removed from the MAC.
- Youth organizations that utilize a district field may also participate in the Banner Program.
- The Banner Program serves as a fundraiser for The Mars Planet Foundation.
- A Banner Form will be generated and placed on The Mars Planet Foundation website for booster and youth organizations to obtain.

Wyatt Lee, vice president, reported that the **Mars Planet Foundation Golf Outing** will be held at **Rittswood Golf Club on August 11th, 2017**. 10:30 registration time, 11:00 lunch, and T-off at 12:00.

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Pettigrew at 8:35
The next Mars Planet Foundation meeting will be **March 28th at 6:30**
Submitted by Holly A. Wetherholt 2/22/2017

