

Mars Planet Foundation Meeting

January 3rd, 2017

Members Present: Dr. Pettigrew, Wyatt Lee, Holly Wetherholt, Jackie Fennell, Becky Brown, Anna Saker, Vicki Zaccari, Dayle Ferguson.

Absent Members: Bonnie Weaver, Linda Romito, Rita Dorsch, Cara Shultz, Caileigh Seskey, Nicole Summers, Alex Chipps.

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

- Samantha Flanhofer, *high school life skills teacher*, reported that her store is up and running and has received much enthusiasm from the student body. Ms. Flanhofer presented a detailed spreadsheet of her store sales and budget.
 - The Mars Planet Foundation voted to grant the remainder of Ms. Flanhofer's grant in the amount \$2,500.00. Ms. Flanhofer is to request when she is in need of the additional funds.
- Becky Brown, *scholarship committee chair*, reported that she met with the scholarship committee. The scholarship committee reviewed the criteria of the current "Kean Foundation" Scholarships and reviewed the prior trend of the Kean Foundation donations. The board voted and approved following:
 - **Kean Foundation "Technology and Engineering" Scholarship** amount would be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00
 - **Kean Foundation "Arts" Scholarship** amount would be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00.
 - **Mars Planet Foundation Scholarship** amount would be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00.
 - **Ross McConnell Scholarship** will remain at \$500.00 until the scholarship fund is dispersed.
 - **Edward Chura Scholarship** will remain at \$1000.00 until the scholarship fund is dispersed.
 - **The Kean Foundation "Community Service" Scholarship** will be eliminated due to conflicting criteria of another community service scholarship.
- Becky Brown also reported that she is working with the Hatch Family to determine their scholarship criteria and how the students will apply for this particular scholarship. The Ross McConnell Family and Schindler Family will also be contacted to determine continuation of their scholarships. Ms. Brown is submitting all scholarship criteria forms to the guidance counselors. The guidance counselors will inform the student and parents about the scholarships.

- Carol Knox inquired about insurance for the Mars Planet Foundation. Dr. Pettigrew will speak with Tom King, *solicitor*, about the current policy and if it needs to be updated/enhanced.
- Jacki Fennell, *treasurer*, reported that the Foundation received 2 checks in December. The first check in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Nextier Bank . This check was a contribution to the Mars Planet Foundation and falls under the EITC PA Grant. The monies will be utilized for the Education Improvement Grant and distributed to the students whom have received passing scores on the 2016 AP Exams.
 - Holly Wetherholt, *secretary*, wrote a thank you letter to Nextier Bank and included the necessary State information for receiving the grant.

The second check was in the amount of \$10,000 from the Hatch Family for the Hatch Scholarship.

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Pettigrew at 7:41.

The next Mars Planet Foundation meeting will be **February 21st at 6:30**

Submitted by Holly A. Wetherholt 1/5/2017