

Mars Planet Foundation
January 23, 2018

Members Present: Dr. Pettigrew, Wyatt Lee, Holly Wetherholt, Dayle Ferguson, Becky Brown, Vickie Zaccari, Carol Knox, Cara Schultz, Dr. McMahon, John Kennedy

Members Absent: Jackie Fennell, Bonnie Weaver

Wyatt Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30

- Anastasi DiLorenzo, computer teacher, presented a grant request for Breakout EDU. Breakout EDU is a computer program that brings critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication alive. **The board voted to grant Ms. DiLorenzo her entire grant request of \$150.00.**
- Katie Haney, elementary teacher, presented a grant request for Reading A-Z Subscription. Reading A-Z is a supplemental reading program that reinforces skills through short stories paired with comprehension questions. **The board voted to grant Miss Haney her entire grant request of \$109.95 for the 2018-2019 school year. The board deferred the grant request to the 2018-2019 school year so her class may utilize the program for the entire school year.**
- Carol Peters, reading specialist, presented a grant request for Reading A-Z Subscription for 3 years at a rate of \$109.95 per year. **The board voted to grant Ms. Peters a one year subscription at a rate of \$109.95.**
- Joelle Patterson, health teacher, presented a grant for American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED/Pediatric CPR and First Aid course certification. The certification course is taught to 9th and 10th grade students and affiliated with The American Red Cross. The grant request is at a rate of \$20 per student for 280 students. **Dr. Pettigrew deferred the grant request for \$5,600.00 to the Mars Area School District Budget. Dr. McMahon, school liaison, will propose the grant request to the District Budget Coordinator.**
- Dave Goodworth, social studies teacher, presented a grant request for a film entitled "Nicky's Family" by Film Pittsburgh. Film Pittsburgh helps Pennsylvania educators comply with state recommendations to expose students to the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights violation and complies with Act 70. **The board voted to grant a request of \$475.00 for the one time licence of the film "Nicky's Family".**
- Dr. McMahon presented Erin Sloane's Art Department Grant for replacement and or fixing of display boards. **Dr. Pettigrew deferred the grant request to the Mars Area School District Budget. Dr. McMahon, school liaison, will propose the grant request to the District Budget Coordinator.**

- The board approved the resignation of Linda Romito, ambassador, and Holly Wetherholt, secretary. Megan Lenz, community member, and John Neurohr, community member, sent a letter of interest and resume to serve on the Mars Planet Foundation. An advertisement will be made in the *e-communicator* for one board member and ambassadors. A review of candidates/voting will be conducted at the February Foundation meeting.

- Beginning with the February meeting all department chairs should provide a report of their department.
 - Alumni Fundraising= Vickie Zaccari
 - Communications and Media= Cara Schultz
 - Teacher Enrichment Grants= Carol Knox
 - Golf Outing= Wyatt Lee
 - Secretary/Meeting Coordinator= TBD
 - Scholarships= Becky Brown
 - Website Monitor= Wyatt Lee

- Carol Knox is still researching insurance for the MPF

Please Mark Your Calendar for These Important Dates
Notes submitted by Holly A. Wetherholt 1/25/2018

- **February 20th Next MPF Meeting**
- **April 17th Scholarship Meeting**
- **May 16th Academic Banquet**
- **August 10th Golf Outing**