

# Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2020

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Kevin Hagen	X	Tricia Holland	X
Wyatt Lee	X	Becky Brown	X
Andrea Bowser	X	Dayle Ferguson	
Cara Schultz	X	Robin Parsons	X
Christine Valenta	X	John Neurohr	X
Vickie Zaccari	X		
Megan Lenz	X		
Carol Knox	X		
Rochelle Seideneck	X		
Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	X		

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

## Teacher Grants:

1. Adam Benson - Tech Ed & Erin Bridge - Robotix Mars Middle School

## VEX IQ Robotics:

Eighth grade students will have the opportunity to build robots with many sensors and compete in VEX IQ Design Challenges. Students will compete in two challenges as a cross-curricular class project between the Technology Education and Programming classes. The VEX IQ robotics kits will be used to design solutions to real world problems from stacking to collecting hazardous materials. The total grant request for one VEX IQ Classroom bundle, two VEX IQ Field Cases, and two arenas is \$5,008.94

***The board voted to fully fund this grant request of \$5,008.94 through EITC funds.***

## National Blue Ribbon School:

Dr. McMahon shared a proposal submitted by Lindsay Rosswog for the National Blue Ribbon School Banners that would be available for purchase to display this recent award. The grant application included pricing for three banners: 10x30 banner-\$1200, 2x8 banner-\$40, and fence banner: \$290, Display Case - \$4,857.14, and Teacher Gifts: \$1000. The total grant application was in the amount of \$7,387.14

***The board voted to partially fund this grant in the amount of \$2,530 for the (3) banners and teacher gifts***

**Open Board Position:** Rochelle Seideneck and Tricia Holland both applied for the Open Board Position. The board elected Rochelle Seideneck to the Mars Planet Foundation Board of Directors.

***Elected Officers for a one-year term per MPF bylaws:***

**President – Kevin Hagen**

**Vice President – Wyatt Lee**

**Secretary – Cara Schultz**

**Treasurer – Andrea Bowser**

**Treasurer Report - Andrea Bowser:**

MPF has received the following checks: William Neel Scholarship Fund, Mars Bank (\$1,000 Christmas Donation). Cara Schultz requested to receive check numbers and amounts in order to mail letters of receipt.

**Wyatt Lee: Banners / Golf Outing / Website / Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

**Banners:** Wyatt Lee stated that the new banners would need to be revised to include “Proud Sponsor of the Mars Planet Foundation” due to recent Township complaints.

**Golf Outing:** The board approved Pheasant Ridge as the 2020 Gold Outing location with proposed date of August 14, 2020. The board also approved the Golf Outing Web site service again for 2020.

**Website:** The Mars Planet Foundation Website is in the process of being updated to a new platform

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library:** The books are now shipping. Wyatt shared that there was a delay in progress as the online settings were marked as “commitment”, but changed to “production”.

**Scholarships - Becky Brown:**

Becky will send updated 2020 Scholarship information to the guidance counselor and copy the new MPF committee chairperson.

Manarino Scholarship – Becky discussed a new scholarship fund for students who matriculate to PITT and will receive \$2,500 scholarships.

Becky also discussed a new "Attendance Scholarship" that would begin in 2021. The criteria is currently being reviewed on how many days of school have been missed between grades K-12.

**EITC - Kevin Hagen:**

The EITC renewal application was sent and received. The current application is currently in review.

The programs include: Advanced Placement Courses Exam Fee Reimbursement, College in High School (CHS) Reimbursement, District Wide Instruction Technology, and STEAM

**Fundraising**

Carol Knox met with Justin Harrison at Just In Thyme Catering. The venue has offered MPF complimentary use of facilities and food for 40 guests for a Tuesday through Thursday event. The room capacity is 80 people and additional cost per person is \$20. The venue is BYOB with \$150 bartender fee.

An event planning session will take place.

**2020 Committee Chairs:**

Fundraising – Rochelle Seidneck

Teacher Grants – Carol Knox

Golf Outing – Wyatt Lee

Secretary – Cara Schultz

Scholarships – Megan Lenz

Web Site Monitor – Wyatt Lee

Communications – Kevin Hagen / Cara Schultz

Each committee chairperson is to rewrite his or her detailed list of duties. Any duties that no longer apply to these committees OR new duties for recent events can be converted to a new committee for other MPF Members such as community events (Mars Apple Fest), School Open Houses, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 6:30pm and all meetings will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

Submitted by:

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