



# MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

## January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting Minutes

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Kevin Hagen	X	Diana Jacoby	
Tricia Holland	X	Jenn Giesler	
Carol Knox	X	Bethany Ratcliffe	
Stacey Palmer	X	Robin Parsons	
Amy Riggio	X		
LeeAnn Riner	X		
Liz Porco	X		
Jenn Stuber	X	<b>MASD Admin</b>	
Doug Wolf	X	Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	X
Vickie Zaccari	X	<b>Alternate School Board Member</b>	
Beth Ziegler	X	Nicole Thurner	

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

### REORGANIZATION MEETING

#### Election of 2023 Officers

- ❖ Election of President for one(1) year (Nomination does not require a second)
  - **Carol Knox** nominated **Beth Ziegler**, seconded by **Jenn Stuber**. **Tricia Holland** motioned to close the nomination. Beth Ziegler's nomination was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Election of Vice President for one (1) year (Nomination does not require a second)
  - **Tricia Holland** nominated **Carol Knox**, seconded by **Beth Ziegler**, **Beth Ziegler** motioned to close the nomination. Carol Knox's nomination was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Election of Secretary for one (1) year (Nomination does not require a second)
  - **Carol Knox** nominated **Tricia Holland**, **Jenn Stuber** seconded the nomination, **Doug Wolf** motioned to close the nomination. Tricia Holland's nomination was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Election of Treasurer for one (1) year (Nomination does not require a second)
  - **Carol Knox** nominated **Amy Riggio**, **Tricia Holland** seconded the nomination, **Tricia Holland** motioned to close the nomination. Amy Riggio's nomination was unanimously approved.

#### Establish 2023 Board Meeting Dates – Location is MASD Board Room, Start time is 6:30pm

- ❖ Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> (Location TBD)
- ❖ Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

#### Appoint Committee Leadership

- ❖ **Teacher Enrichment Grants** – Carol Knox/Liz Porco
- ❖ **EITC** – Beth Ziegler/Doug Wolf

- ❖ **Scholarships** – Lee Ann Riner/Vickie Zaccari
- ❖ **Fundraising** – Stacey Palmer
- ❖ **Banners** – Jenn Stuber/Beth Ziegler
- ❖ **Communications** – Tricia Holland
- ❖ **Newsletter** – Jenn Stuber/Tricia Holland
- ❖ **Social Media** – Jenn Stuber
- ❖ **Technology** – Kevin Hagen

**This concludes the re-organization meeting.**

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes** – The Meeting Minutes from November 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 were discussed

- ❖ LeeAnn Riner motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jenn Stuber. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Teacher Grant Presentations:**

- ❖ Centennial iPads – Dr. McMahon
  - 30 iPads were purchased in the 19/20 school year for the Centennial Library classes. These iPads have become outdated and are not compatible with the programs utilized at the school; specifically for the programming/robotics courses. Dr. McMahon is looking to purchase 15 new iPads that are compatible with the programs the school runs. The original ipads will be moved to the elementary school.
  - Dr. McMahon is requesting \$5,769.25 for the centennial iPad grant.
- ❖ VEX V5 Robot Kits (for new HS class) – Dr. McMahon
  - A new robotics course is being introduced at the high school next year. It was originally slated to be introduced this year but not enough students enrolled. Dr. McMahon is asking for the necessary funds to purchase 8 VEX V5 classroom starter kits.
  - Dr. McMahon is requesting \$6,216.92 to purchase 8 VEX V5 Robot Kits.
- ❖ Corsair Gaming Chairs (for new HS class) – Dr. McMahon
  - A new course is being offered at the HS next year called Video Game Design. The school district has received donations to cover the computers. Dr. McMahon is asking for the necessary funds to purchase 25 Corsair Gaming Chairs.
  - Dr. McMahon is requesting \$9,892.20 to purchase 25 gaming chairs.

### **Teacher Grant Discussion**

- ❖ Board members discussed the Centennial iPad grant submission.
  - Carol Knox motioned to fund Dr. McMahon’s grant as presented; \$5,769.15 to purchase 15 ipads for the Centennial school. Motion was seconded by Kevin Hagen, unanimously approved by all present board members.
- ❖ Board members discussed the VEX V5 Robot Kit grant submission.
  - Kevin Hagen motioned to table this grant until the April meeting. At that point, Dr. McMahon would know how many students are registered for the course. This motion was seconded by Carol Knox, unanimously approved by all present board members.
- ❖ Board members discussed the Corsair Gaming Chairs grant submission.
  - Kevin Hagen motioned to fund half of the grant submission for \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Beth Ziegler. Kevin Hagen, Beth Ziegler, Jenn Stuber, Liz Porco, Lee Ann Riner, Vickie Zaccari, and Amy Riggio voted in favor of the motion. Doug Wolf, Carol

Knox, and Tricia Holland opposed the motion. Motion passed with eight votes in favor, three votes opposed.

#### **Teacher Grant Report – Provided by Carol Knox**

- ❖ Students in the Rocket Readers program wrote multiple thank you notes to the Foundation for the new books.
- ❖ Discussed sending teacher grant recaps to Josh to be part of the E-communicator.

#### **Treasurer Report – Presented by Amy Riggio**

- ❖ Financial report has been e-mailed.
- ❖ Multiple checks to deposited for the new VoTech scholarship
- ❖ Currently in the process of opening a new bank account to hold all scholarships funds.

#### **Scholarship Report – Presented by LeeAnn Riner**

- ❖ A new VoTech scholarship honoring Don McCleary is being introduced. This will be \$2,000 non-renewable scholarship. Still working out the details as to how many students can be selected each year.
- ❖ Waiting feedback from Paula Hooper as to whether or not the Terzich scholarship will continue.

#### **Fundraising Reports – Presented by Stacey Palmer**

- ❖ Walk Around Mars fundraiser
  - Start implementing donation requests. Typically most successful when someone has a contact with the organization.
    - Rhoads is the event sponsor
    - Mars Bank is interested in being \$1,000 trophy sponsor
    - Looking for two diamond sponsors at \$2,500.00
  - A google docs spreadsheet of all businesses will be sent by the weekend. All board members are to mark which businesses they are soliciting.
  - Tricia Holland offered to manage Swag Bags.

#### **EITC Report – Presented by Doug Wolf**

- ❖ Re-imbusement of AP Testing Fees – Discussed re-imbursing 9 students who classify for free or reduced lunches. This would be a total of \$742.
  - Jenn Stuber motioned to approve the \$742 to re-imburse AP testing fees. Seconded by Kevin Hagen. Unanimously approved.
- ❖ Discussed possibility of reimbursement with CHS classes - any students that classify for reduced lunches could be reimbursed for expenses associated to CHS classes.

#### **Technology Report – Presented by Kevin Hagen**

- ❖ MobileCause/GiveSmart – Currently working on the Walk Around Mars landing page.

#### **Communications Report – Presented by Jenn Stuber**

- ❖ Social Media
  - The new Teacher Grant photos will be posted as soon as they are received.
- ❖ Newsletter
  - Jenn and Tricia are working on this.
  - Discussed switching to digital newsletter content.

**Event Reports**

- ❖ No report.

**New Business**

- ❖ No report.

Doug Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol Knox. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 2023, in the Board Room at the MASD Admin building.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

Tricia Holland