



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

February 21st 2023 Meeting Minutes

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Beth Ziegler – President	X	Diana Jacoby	
Carol Knox – Vice President	X	Jenn Giesler	
Amy Riggio – Treasurer		Bethany Ratcliffe	
Tricia Holland – Secretary	X	Robin Parsons	X
Kevin Hagen	X		
Stacey Palmer	X		
Liz Porco	X		
Lee Ann Riner		MASD Admin	
Jenn Stuber		Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	X
Doug Wolf	X	Alternate School Board Member	
Vickie Zaccari	X	Nicole Thurner	

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Calendar – October Meeting date

- ❖ Discussed the currently scheduled October meeting, set for October 24th which is the 4th Tuesday of the month. Date is to be left for October 24th.

Teacher Grant Presentations

- ❖ Centennial – Battle of the Books
 - Mrs. Fertig and Mrs. Ingoldsby are looking for funding for Battle of the Books reading competition. This is one giant competition where students are placed into teams to compete against one another. The program is looking to add a new book as well a couple of additional sets of current books due to additional students and condition of books. Requesting \$1,100 to fulfill this grant.
- ❖ Centennial – Instruments for music program
 - Mrs. Redman is the band teacher at Centennial. She is requesting three replacement instruments for instruments that can no longer be repaired. Between 200-220 5th and 6th grade students would benefit from this grant.
 - Requesting \$6,424 to fulfill this grant.

Teacher Grant Discussion

- ❖ **Battle of the Books**
 - Discussed Battle of the Books grant and needing to purchase 125-130 books. Discussed Bound to Stay Bound option, which are cheaper than hardback, more durable than paperback and come with a lifetime guarantee. This would cost approximately \$2,176.25 if purchased through Bound to Stay Bound.
 - Kevin Hagen motioned to approve a grant in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 for Bound to Stay Bound books for all 7 books in the program with remaining balance to fund paperback books as prizes. Money must be used in the 2022-2023 school year, and each book (whether part of the Bound to Stay Bound books or the paperback prize books) will contain a label stating, “Provided by Mars Planet Foundation.” Seconded by Carol Knox. Unanimously approved by all present board members.
- ❖ **Instruments for music program**

- Discussed the request for replacement instruments.
- General discussion is that the grant is not approved due to the music program being a part of the standard curriculum that is the responsibility of the District to fund.

Meeting Minutes – The Meeting Minutes from January 17th 2023 were discussed.

- ❖ Carol Knox motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Doug Wolf. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report

- ❖ The Foundation financial report was sent via e-mail.
- ❖ Separate scholarship bank account should be opened this week. Approximately \$99,000.

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- ❖ Budget is \$2,500 for awards ceremony. Vickie and Lee Ann meeting with Mrs. Rosswog and Justin from Just N Thyme next Wednesday.
- ❖ Majority of applications are due by end of March. Applications will be picked up at the beginning of April. All recipients must be selected by April 19th.
- ❖ If anyone is interested in presenting a scholarship, please send Lee Ann an e-mail. Ceremony is May 17th.

Fundraising Reports

- Walk Around Mars
 - \$8,182.16 has been raised so far
 - # of Registrations – 26 (Last day for registration is Wednesday, March 15th)
 - Sponsors – Sponsors are still being contacted. All money for sponsorship levels over \$250 must be received by Monday, March 13th.
 - Discussed upcoming deadlines and duties

EITC Report – Presented by Doug Wolf

- ❖ EITC report has been submitted.
- ❖ Doug purchased the 9 congratulations cards for our AP exam reimbursement students.

Technology Report – Presented by Kevin Hagen

- ❖ Lots of activity (including donations and registrations) being received through the MobileCause website.

Communications Report

- ❖ Jenn has reached out to the Backstop Boosters regarding banners.
- ❖ Social media posts are scheduled daily leading up to the Walk.

Event Reports – Presented by Carol Knox

- ❖ No report

New Business

- ❖ No report

Carol Knox motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tricia Holland. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, in the Board Room at the MASD Admin building.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tricia Holland

MPF Secretary