



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

August 8th 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Kevin Hagen	x	Diana Jacoby	
Tricia Holland	x	Jenn Giesler	
Carol Knox	x	Bethany Ratcliffe	
Stacey Palmer		Robin Parsons	
Amy Riggio	x	Liz Porco	
LeeAnn Riner	x		
Rochelle Seideneck			
Jenn Stuber		MASD Admin	
Doug Wolf		Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	
Vickie Zaccari	x	Alternate School Board Member	
Beth Ziegler		Jennifer DiCuccio	

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Teacher Grant Presentation – Mrs. Greta Huggins

- ❖ Mrs. Huggins submitted a teacher grant for lowercase “Pop-Its.” These Pop-Its would be used to enhance reading curriculum, and could also be used for various activities such as letter recognition, sound recognition, counting phonemes, spelling words, counting syllables, word mapping, word awareness, ABC order, etc. They are very durable and can be cleaned easily. They would be utilized every single week, and are smaller with lowercase. This would also be a great addition to the new Foundations phonics program recently implemented.
- ❖ Mrs. Huggins is requesting 25 ABC Pop-Its which are \$11 a piece

Teacher Grant Discussion

- ❖ Board members discussed the lowercase ABC Pop-It grant submission
- ❖ Carol Knox motioned to give \$600.00 for 2 sets of 25 ABC pop-its. One set of pop-its would be for Mrs. Huggins’ use, the other would be a shared set that any teacher in the building could sign out and use. The motion was seconded by Vickie Zaccari, unanimously approved by all present board members
- ❖ The money will be disbursed from the general fund

Previous Minutes – The Meeting Minutes from June 22nd 2022 were discussed

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

Treasurer Report – Presented by Amy Riggio

- ❖ The Foundation financial report has sent via e-mailed
- ❖ Amy Riggio should receive online access to the Pittsburgh Foundation by next week
- ❖ The Foundation should re-consider MobileCause due to the high fees

Scholarship Report

- ❖ LeeAnn Riner, Vickie Zaccari, and Tricia Holland met with Megan Lenz to transition the scholarship role.
- ❖ Discussed College Fair Night – Last year the Foundation had a table set-up with a large poster of all the scholarships available. LeeAnn Riner will inquire about the date of the College Fair.
- ❖ Banquet discussion – LeeAnn Riner will talk with Mrs. Rosswog about the 2023 Banquet.

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Kevin Hagen

- ❖ Banners – Kevin will set up a meeting with Stacey and Wyatt
- ❖ New Fundraising Ideas
 - Fun Skate Carpet/Slide Park (Vickie Zaccari) Centennial School - September 25th
 - Discussed as a potential winter fundraiser as well.
 - Flying Squirrels Trampoline Park (LeeAnn Riner) September 11th Primary Center and September 18th for MAE – anytime during the day.
 - The owners of Flying Squirrels Trampoline Park in Zelienople are Mars residents. They have offered to host multiple fundraisers for the Foundation. The Foundation would select the dates, and the patron would simply need to say that they are there for Mars. Twenty percent (20%) of the revenues would be donated back to the Foundation.
 - Recommendation is to have these events in September/October and utilize orientation nights to communicate the events/drum up support.

EITC Report

- ❖ No report

Technology Report – Presented by Kevin Hagen

- ❖ MobileCause – no report

Communications Report

- ❖ Next newsletters are targeted for the end of September, end of January, and end of May

Event Reports – Presented by Carol Knox

- ❖ Mars Applefest is scheduled for Saturday October 1st
 - Carol Knox ordered tattoos and bracelets, as previously discussed. Carol Knox and Amy Riggio will work on candy and soda with the Robotics team
 - Need volunteers to work the booth
- ❖ Confirmed with each building Principal that the Foundation will have a table at each orientation

New Business

- ❖ No new business items

Carol Knox motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vickie Zaccari. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, in the Board Room at the MASD Admin building.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tricia Holland

MPF Secretary