

Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2020

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

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2020 were approved

Treasurer Report - Andrea Bowser:

Andrea sent the current Profit and Loss statement via email to all board members & ambassadors

Andrea made reference that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library account will need to be funded again. There have been 10 recent applications by Mars residents. ***The board voted to fund the account with \$1,000.***

Scholarships - Megan Lenz:

Megan has set up scholarship application committees with the MPF members. Each committee received the applications and criteria for each category. Each committee will provide Megan with a winner by 4.22.20.

MASD is working on a possible virtual Academic Awards Banquet for the Class of 2020. A video was suggested for the scholarships awarded through MPF. John Neurohr offered to assist with the video production.

Grants:

Dr. McMahon shared that other school district foundations are providing yard signs for seniors. It was suggested that MPF could utilize the \$3,000 budgeted for the Academic Awards banquet towards the

(252) Senior signs. Wyatt Lee shared a spec sign and Carol will share the Seneca sign. MPF will also contact Mars Print Shop as a local partner plus seek any other interested sponsors.

The MASD Administration would like to deliver each sign and post to each Seniors home front lawn.

EITC - Kevin Hagen:

Kevin Hagen did not have any current updates and will begin the 2020-21 process for the November application.

IPADS for Special Education - Dr. McMahon

As part of District Wide Instruction Technology - Education Without Limits - the board voted to revisit Dr. McMahons previous grant request for \$13,000 for 40 iPads for Special Education. These iPads will be utilized in grades K-12 (6 iPads for PC, 10 MAE, 6 Centennial, 6 Middle School, 6 High School, 2 staff, 4 floaters). Ambassador Dayle Ferguson recommended adding the purchase to the District's existing technology purchase. Dr. McMahon recommending modifying the grant slightly so that it was not necessarily just for iPads (grades 7-12 will utilize Chromebooks), but was still for Special Ed devices K-12.

The Board Voted to grant \$13,000 to purchase Special Education devices (iPad or Chromebook) for the 2020-21 Academic Year.

Golf Outing - Wyatt Lee:

The MPF 2020 Golf Outing is still scheduled to take place on August 14th at Pheasant Ridge Golf Course. Wyatt shared a listing of all 2019 sponsors. In the event of cancelation, the hope would be to maintain funds as a donation to MPF. There have not been any recent registrations.

Dr. McMahon offered to have each building donate a themed basket to the event.

Banners - Kevin Hagen will submit an application to PennDot / State of PA for the tennis court fence area to be utilized as billboard space for banners.

New Business / Open Discussions:

Kindness Cafe: Dr. McMahon is working on a fall event in partnership with Aviva Brick Oven to offer a fundraising event to be donated in kindness to a group in need. The themed dinner event will take place at the High School in October.

Someone Special Dance: Dr. McMahon suggested that April would be an ideal time of year for a dance in order to avoid winter weather. A Bunny Hop theme would work well for kids and significant adults. The grade range discussed was K-4 and/or 2-4.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

The next meeting will be Monday, May 18 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by:

Cara Schultz Mars Planet Foundation