



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

May 21st 2024 Meeting Minutes

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Beth Ziegler - President	X	Lee Ann Riner	
Doug Wolf – Vice President		Jenn Giesler	
Amy Riggio - Treasurer	X(Online)	Bethany Ratcliffe	
Tricia Holland - Secretary	X	Robin Parsons	
Maura DiGioia	X	Helianna Galvis-Orr	
Kevin Hagen	X		
Carol Knox	X		
Liz Porco	X	MASD Admin	
Aaron Rose	x	Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	
Kim Vandall	X		
Vickie Zaccari	X		

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

Teacher Grant Presentation

- ❖ Mrs. Shine/Mrs. Shuck grant – Educational Insights Wireless Eggspert
 - Mrs. Shine and Mrs. Shuck are interested in purchasing 3 Wireless Eggspert kits. They are interactive gaming systems to keep children engaged in the classroom. These devices could be used in a variety of subjects as well as aiding in conducting assessments/reviews of material. They are requesting one kit for each of their classrooms and an additional kit to be available at the library for any other PC teacher to sign out and utilize.
 - Mrs. Shine and Mrs. Shuck are requesting \$250.00 to fulfill this grant request.

Teacher Grant Presentation Discussion

- ❖ Educational Insights Wireless Eggspert grant discussion
 - Kevin Hagen motioned to fund 4 sets of Educational Insights Wireless Eggspert kits, for a total of \$332.00, to be funded by the General Fund, seconded by Carol Knox. Unanimously approved by all present board members.
- ❖ EITC Grant Status
 - Centennial – Grant information has been submitted to the Foundation for the purchase of Sphero RVR+ Robots for a total of \$2002. This request meets the EITC requirement and budget threshold, therefore it has been approved.
 - MAE – Grant information has been submitted for the purchase of multiple technological updates for a total of \$1998. This request meets the EITC requirement and budget threshold, therefore it has been approved.
 - Carol Knox is in communication with the Primary Center, Middle School and High School on their EITC Grants.

Meeting Minutes – The Regular Meeting Minutes from April 16th 2024 and the Special Meeting Minutes from April 22nd 2024 were discussed.

- ❖ Vickie Zaccari motioned to approve the April 16th regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Carol Knox. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by all present board members.

- ❖ Kevin Hagen motioned to approve the April 22nd special meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Carol Knox. The special meeting minutes were unanimously approved by all present board members.

President's Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Beth Ziegler presented a review of the Foundation's year to the School Board last Tuesday.
- ❖ Light Night at MAE was very successful.
- ❖ Scholarship Ceremony discussion – Discussed feedback/concerns that have been received.
 - Recommendation – Possibly restructure the ceremony to have the academic excellence students go first and then if they did not apply for a scholarship, they can be excused. The second half of the ceremony would be focused on scholarship winners.
 - Recommendation – Coordinate with the High School on the invitations.
 - Recommendation – Denote in program which scholarships are funded by the Foundation and which are completely independent of the Foundation and the District (i.e., all but the two scholarships funded by the Foundation).
- ❖ Sponsor of the Game scoreboard sponsors will be organized this summer. Board members discussed permanent banner stating "Tonight's Game of the Week sponsor is" with an interchangeable piece announcing the company.
 - Board members also discussed potentially having a Foundation table at certain home football games such as the first home game, Homecoming, or Youth Night.

Treasurer Report – Presented by Kim Vandall

- ❖ Financial report has been e-mailed.
- ❖ Multiple signage deposits have been received.

Election of New Treasurer

- ❖ Kevin Hagen motioned to nominate Kim Vandall as Treasurer, seconded by Carol Knox. All present board members approved.

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- ❖ Thanked everyone for efforts at the Awards ceremony.
- ❖ Vickie Zaccari and Lee Ann Riner will meet in July to re-organize/prep for next year.

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ Logos for scoreboard being gathered.
 - The Foundation will be using a new scoreboard company, ISI. They are a professional company that handles majority of the scoreboard installs in the Pittsburgh area, so they have a significant amount of experience and excellent reviews.
- ❖ Color Run – June 2025
 - Adams Twp has been contacted about the use of space.

EITC Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- ❖ No report.

Technology Report – Presented by Kevin Hagen

- ❖ No report.

Communications Report – Presented by Maura DiGioia

- ❖ Social Media

- Marty – Color Run Tease discussion.
 - The Color Run teaser will be pushed out towards the end of August/early September. Discussed printing a banner to display above our table at Back-to-School nights across the district, saying “Coming June 2025” with the Marty color run logo.
- ❖ Newsletter
 - Spring/Summer Newsletter ideas
 - Content – Ask Mr. Black for feedback and pictures of the Wallops island, highlight our new scoreboard sponsors, tease Marty for color run

Event Reports

- ❖ No report.

New Business

- ❖ No report.

Carol Knox motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kevin Hagen. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11th 2024, location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tricia Holland