

Mars Planet Foundation Meeting

May 23, 2017

Members Present: Dr. Pettigrew, Wyatt Lee, Jackie Fennell, Bonnie Weaver, Becky Brown, Rita Dorsch, Carol Knox, Paula Hooper, Alex Chipps, Dr. Shipley

Absent Members: Holly Wetherholt, Linda Romito, Dayle Ferguson, Anna Saker, Vicki Zaccari, Cara Schultz, Caileigh Seskey, Nicole Summers

President Dr. Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Teaching Enrichment Grant Applications

Melinda Badger was introduced. Mrs. Badger and Megan Balawejder (6th Grade Teachers at the Centennial) had submitted a Teaching Enrichment Grant Application. Mrs. Badger summarized the project/event – Skydome Planetarium, a mobile planetarium that would visit Centennial School in the Spring of 2018 for an assembly and presentation. The assembly will be the culminating activity for the 6th grade science Astronomy Unit. Amount requested was \$995.

This grant was unanimously approved by the members present.

Dr. Pettigrew brought another Teaching Enrichment Grant Application to our attention. This application was also submitted by Melinda Badger and Megan Balawejder. The grant is for an assembly at the Centennial School with Jim “Basketball” Jones. The theme of the assembly is “I’ve Got Your Back” and is categorized as anti-bullying education. Amount requested was \$750.

The grant was unanimously approved by the members present.

Treasurer’s Report

Jackie Fennel gave the treasurer’s report. The Treasure’s Report was approved and accepted as presented by the members present.

Golf Outing

Wyatt Lee gave a report on the Golf Outing. He gave an update on the businesses contacted to date and responses for Tee Sponsors, Foursomes, and Event Sponsors.

Total number of foursome spots available – 23.

Bonnie Weaver also reported on businesses she had contacted and commitments for donations.

Rita Dorsch gave an update on the food for the event. Lunch will be ordered from Dave’s Meats; there will be wings for after golf, and beverages will be donated by Marburger Dairy.

Bonnie Weaver will purchase bags of snacks from Costco (similar to what she had done last year) and small bottles of water for the course. It was decided that we would need 5 coolers to be located at various spots throughout the course.

Each MPF board member is asked to donate a basket for the Chinese auction – either purchase basket items to donate or solicit donations from local businesses for a basket.

Other Discussion Items

There was a discussion regarding EITC funds to be distributed for the AP tests taken this school year (2016/2017).

A Banner Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM after the MPF meeting. Dr. Pettigrew will be explaining the procedure to the booster groups to purchase banners through the MPF. Cost to booster groups to purchase banners from MPF is \$300. Cost for a business to purchase banner directly through the MPF is \$500.

There is also Score Board space available. Price is \$5,000 for the first year and \$1,000 per year to renew.

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Pettigrew at 6:50 PM.

Date and location of next Planet Foundation TBD.

Submitted by Becky Brown