

# Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2018

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Dr. William Pettigrew, President	X	Andrea Bowser	
Wyatt Lee, Vice-President	X	Bonnie Weaver	
Jackie Fennell, Treasurer		Dayle Ferguson	X
Cara Schultz, Secretary	X	Paula Hooper	
Becky Brown	X	Megan Lenz	X
Kevin Hagen	X	John Neurohr	
John Kennedy		Rochelle Seideneck	
Carol Knox	X		
Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	X		
Vicki Zaccari	X		

Dr. Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

## Guest Presenters for Teacher Grants:

### 1. Dave Mayer & Natalee Bufalini - High School Physical Education

**Grant Request: \$12,800 for 25 Trek Mountain Bikes, with service plans, & accessories**

Mr. Mayer & Ms. Buffalini presented a grant application for (25) Trek Marlin Mountain Bikes with an added unit for Mountain Biking with the Physical Education course. Mountain Biking is a lifelong fitness activity that would improve self esteem while also teaching Cycling safety and etiquette.

*\* The board will make the suggestion for these bikes to be funded through school curriculum funds*

### 2. Gail Quigley - Mars Enrichment Club

**Grant Request: \$1370 Mars New Year Escape Room**

Students of the Mars Enrichment Club presented a grant request for funds to build an Escape Room. The Mars HS Enrichment Club would build the Escape Room that would be utilized during the Mars New Year event in May 2019. The students would utilize a diversity of skills to build the escape room. The Escape Room would be constructed to be assembled at the event and also then be reassembled at the school to use at events and fundraisers.

*\* The board is seeking answers to the liability concerns for this project and will vote at a later meeting*

### 3. Dr. McMahon - Rachels Challenge

MASD is seeking \$150 to fund three (3) additional banners in support of Rachel's Challenge. The banners will be displayed in the Administration Offices/ Board Room, Tennis Courts on Rt 228, and The Mars Athletic Complex.

*\* The board voted to fully fund the additional banners*

**Dr. McMahon - Mars Welcome Bag**

Dr. McMahon is seeking \$500 to fund "Welcome to Mars" gift bags for new students in grades 7-12. The PTO will fund K-6. Items would include Mars Logo Water bottle, magnets, school note pads along with bags & ribbons.

*\* The board voted to fully fund the project for grades 7-12*

**Treasurer Report:**

MPF has received all funds for the golf outing.

MPF received a donation in the amount of \$2,398.35 from the school district for Fall 2017 & Winter 2018 ticket sales.

**Scoreboard Sponsors:** Two companies have submitted payment for their signage at The MAC: Weaver Homes & Paracca Interiors.

***Still Outstanding: Dicks Sporting Goods, North Star Buick, Schultz Installation & Dillion McCandles King***

**Wyatt Lee -**

**Golf Update:** Mars Planet Foundation is still exploring options to offer more tee times for the 2019 MPR Golf Outing

**Fundraising Mugs:** The board voted to approve ordering 50 stainless steel coffee mugs to be utilized for online fundraising on the MPF website as well as events.

**Day Of Giving -** Wyatt Lee registered MPF for GiveBigPittsburgh.com and create a profile. The board is seeking more exposure for Giving Tuesday and PittsburghGives.org on **November 27, 2019**

**Scholarships:** Becky Brown reported that Mars Planet Foundation could possibly have four (4) new scholarships available from local donors. MPF would manage these funds. The criteria for the new scholarships is still in discussion.

Becky Brown reviewed the dollar amount for the Kean & MPF Scholarships. The board voted to award the same amount for these scholarships at the 2019 Academic Banquet:

- The Kean Arts Scholarship - \$2,000.00
- The Kean STEAM Scholarship = \$2,000.00
- The Mars Planet Foundation Scholarship = \$2,500.00

Dayle Ferguson: Dayle noted that MPF needed to update the registration as a school affiliated organization. Dayle will send the link to Cara Schultz to complete.

Amazon Smiles - Dayle noted that the program is active, but a tracking method is needed. Wyatt Lee will explore options.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by:

Cara Schultz Mars Planet Foundation