

Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Dr. William Pettigrew, President	X	Robin Parsons	X
Wyatt Lee, Vice-President	X	Alicia Palmiero	
Andrea Bowser	x	Dayle Ferguson	x
Cara Schultz, Secretary	X	Tricia Holland	
Becky Brown	X	Megan Lenz	X
Kevin Hagen		John Neurohr	
John Kennedy	X	Rochelle Seideneck	
Carol Knox	x		
Dr. Elizabeth McMahon	X		
Vicki Zaccari	X		

Dr. Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Grant Presentations

Sensory Room

Samantha Flanhofer & Lindsay Rosswog

Samantha Flanhofer presented a grant application for a Sensory Room at the High School in the amount of \$5,000.00. The room would offer a therapeutic space with a variety of equipment to aid learning. Items would include: cozy canoe, ball chairs, hammock swings, space tent, sensory reset totes & specialty lighting. The benefits would be to relieve stress and anxiety in a safe retreat in order to improve student focus.

The board voted to request an itemized budget from Ms. Flanhofer and then vote later on a grant amount and terms to provide.

White Board Tables

Melinda Badger

Melinda Badger, 6th grade Math and Science teacher, is seeking a grant to purchase 4 additional white board tables in the amount of \$878.00. Ms. Badger has already purchased a table on her own and she also used various contact papers to offer white board surfaces to students which did not last long. The white board tables offer group interaction among students of all learning levels along with peer interaction.

The board voted to fully fund the grant request of \$878.00

Class VR Headsets

Britinee Madigan

Britinee Madigan, 5th grade Math, Science, & Social Studies teacher, is seeking a classroom grant for ten (10) Virtual Reality Classroom Headsets & Cart in the amount of \$5,229.00. These headsets would be made available to all students to bring curriculum to life explore the world via headsets.

The board voted NOT to fund this grant request.

We Both Read Books

Dr. Elizabeth McMahon

Dr. McMahon presented a grant request on behalf of The Mars Primary Center for We Both Read Book Sets in the amount of \$700.00 which includes two complete sets of leveled books. The books are designed for the Lending Library and encourage parents to read along with their students.

The board voted to fully fund this grant request.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

147 applications have been generated to date. Dr. McMahon offered to send email information on the program via Pre K Connection as well as include information in the Primary Post and to Josh Schwoebel. Wyatt Lee will post information at The Mars Library.

Banner Program

The costs and details of the banner program were reviewed since most Class B Organizations are not participating. The current cost of a banner sponsorship is \$500 which includes the \$156 hard cost. Class B Organizations were to pay \$300.

The Board Voted to offer banner program to Class B Organizations for a reduced rate of \$200 in effort to generate more signage and support.

Wyatt Lee will post the updated information on the website.

Cara Schultz will send a letter / email to all SAO's with the updated pricing information.

Financial – Andrea Bowser

Andrea reviewed the current account balances and she will identify available funds vs. Scholarship funds for next meeting.

Fundraising

Dr. Pettigrew discussed a recent Wine & Food Festival at The Mars Bethel Golf Course with a sampling concept. Vicki Zaccari will explore the venue for future options.

Megan Lenz presented a generous offer from Justin Thyme Catering to host a dinner event. Dr. Pettigrew will visit the venue to explore event options.

Additional Items:

- Mars Planet Foundation Holiday Dinner at The Springfield Grill on December 10th at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Carol Knox
- Scoreboard Sponsorship Donations Due: Weaver Homes (10/30) Lefcom (12/1)
- Indemnification: Wyatt Lee will price MPF Lables "This Project has been funded by The Mars Planet Foundation"
- EITC Grant – letter of support from the school is needed for the grant application
- Website – MPF website will have a new format as of December 2019

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Administration Offices Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Notes submitted by Cara Schultz

