



MARS PLANET FOUNDATION

February 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Board Members	Present	Ambassadors	Present
Beth Ziegler - President	X	Jennifer Antonio	
Amanda Webster – VicePresident	X	Amanda Benninger	
Kim Vandall - Treasurer		Helianna Galvis-Orr	
Kelly Dunn - Secretary	X	Tricia Holland	
Maura DiGioia		Robin Parsons	
Sandy Page	X	Lee Ann Riner	X
Amy Riggio	X		
Aaron Rose	X	MASD Admin	
Vickie Zaccari	X	Dr. Samantha Flanhofer	X
		Mr. Travis Mineard	
		Mr. Douglas Skelley	

The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm.

Meeting Minutes – The Meeting Minutes from January 2025 were discussed.

- Vickie Zaccari motioned to approve the minutes for the Reorganization meeting as presented, seconded by Amy Riggio
The Reorganization meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- Amy Riggio motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, with Vickie Zaccari seconding the motion. The minutes of the regular meeting were unanimously approved.

President Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- Beth Ziegler motioned to add Sandy Page to the board, seconded by Amy Riggio. All present board members voted to add Sandy Page to the board.
- With the help of the Foundation, Mr. Black applied for the Paul Purcell “Kids Win” grant through the Baird Foundation, seeking funds for the Wallop’s Island Trip.
- Beth completed application for Double Good – Donate Joy – High School accepted it and Mrs Roswog said they received all their free popcorn at the High School today.

Treasurer Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler (Kim Absent)

- \$6,500 to scholarship account from donations
- \$1,883.65 total raised from 99 tickets sold for Peloton raffle

Scholarship Report – Presented by Vickie Zaccari

- All scholarships renewed except the Kimberly Young Scholarship
- The Aquatics team is now combined with North Catholic – working with both schools' guidance counselors on scholarship recipients
- March 13th deadline for scholarship application, will advertise deadline on MPF social media

Fundraising Reports – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- Scoreboard Renewals – Parraca Interiors, The Goddard Schools, LEFCON

EITC Report – Presented by Beth Ziegler

- CHS Tuition funding can be covered by EITC – 2025-2026 school year to be discussed at later date

- Beth motioned to cover \$1,600 for CHS fees for the 2025 spring semester to cover 3 students tuition that are enrolled in free and reduced lunch. Amanda Webster seconded the motion. Motion approved by all present board members.

Technology Report – Presented by Aaron Rose

- No Update

Communications Report

- Create Facebook post for deadline for scholarship applications
- Create Facebook post for the Peloton raffle winner

New Business

- Beth introduced a proposal by Kim Vandall. Introduction of a new scholarship for needs-based merit called the ACHIEVE scholarship. Board needs to decide on criteria for the scholarship. Ask Mr. Varlotta to attend March meeting and discuss realistic parameters. Vote to adopt was tabled for March meeting when Mr. Varlotta may be able to attend and parameters can be agreed upon.
- Peloton Winner – Tricia Harris

Vickie Zaccari motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amy Riggio. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next meeting will be March 18 2025, in the Mars High School Library at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Dunn