

## Mars Planet Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019

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

**Dr. Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.**

### **Treasurers Report**

No activity to report.

### **Teacher Enrichment Grants**

Sara Coon, Heath/PE Teacher at Centennial, presented her grant request proposal for the Foundation to cover the cost of three (3) stationary bicycles to be added to a fitness room at Centennial.

***MSP to cover the cost of the bikes (\$3,632.52 as of 02/19).***

Gail Quigley and a student from the Enrichment Club returned to answer questions regarding the Escape Room grant request. (Originally presented at the November 20, 2018 meeting.) The school district insurance could cover the transportation and operation of the Escape Room *provided a qualified district employee is present at all times*. Mrs. Quigley would be responsible for the oversight of transportation of the Escape Room to community events. Mr. Haywiser will oversee construction.

***MSP to grant \$1,600 for the supplies to build the Escape Room.***

Krista Goodzinski, Librarian at Mars Elementary, presented her grant request for book displays. The displays would be used to highlight books relevant to current curriculum (based on teacher input) and popular reading series for students.

***MSP to cover the cost of eight (8) book displays (\$463.92 + shipping)***

Dr. McMahon presented a grant request on behalf of Shannon Kayode, Speech-Language Pathologist at the Primary Center. The original proposal was for a single copy of "Boardmaker

Plus!” software that is used to support the lower elementary grades and special education throughout the district. Dr. McMahon amended the proposal for funds to go towards a license agreement so that more teachers would be able to take advantage of the software.

***MSP to grant \$1500 to cover the cost of licensing the software for one (1) year.***

Dr. McMahon presented her grant request to have the stage curtain at Mars Primary Center replaced. Some funding is covered by Box Tops 4 Education with approximately \$2,500 still needed.

\* The board tabled this request for consideration at a future meeting

### **Scholarships**

Becky Brown and Carol Knox will go to the High School during an upcoming activity period to provide seniors with information about scholarship opportunities. Becky also reported receiving the criteria for the new William Neil Scholarship.

### **Golf Outing**

The golf outing will be August 16, 2019 at Pheasant Ridge Golf Club.

### **EITC**

MSA announced their intention to donate \$10,000 to the foundation through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. The funds are to be earmarked for STEM and robotics initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

*The next meeting will be March 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Mars High School library. (Note new location!)*

Submitted by;  
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