



President, Jim Keller called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on December 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Don Rosenbeck seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$99,160.87

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$70,387.78
CD's	\$10,409.71
Pass Book	<u>\$18,363.38</u>
Total Assets	\$99,160.87

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$18,497.36
General Fund - MCDO	\$16,289.22
Marion Soccer	\$3,992.28
Girls' Softball	\$4,359.85
ML FFA	\$10,557.87
Boys Baseball	\$12,394.16
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,906.30
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,500.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$364.80</u>
Total Assets	\$99,160.87

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

We are beginning to collect for our 2014 Membership. You will find a 2014 Membership Form on the back of the minutes. We are making an effort to collect all memberships for 2014 during December and January, so thank you in advance for making your prompt payment. We appreciate your support to the MCDO. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Barb Kahlig (419) 925-6301 or email to mcdo@bright.net if you have any questions.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- November 17: Ted & Amy Winner
- November 24: Aaron & Kendra Rose
- December 1: Tom & Lorraine Bernard
- December 8: Terry & Lisa Moeller

Please remember that the Appreciation Party will be January 17, 2014, after the basketball game.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The December 2, Ag Solutions Meeting held at the Library was successful. Glen Arnold from Putnam County gave an informative presentation on side dressing standing corn with manure on local test plots. Glen’s scientific tracking of these test plots reflect that this is an effective way to apply manure in the early summer and the nutrient uptake by the plants is very efficient using this approach. Crop yields match or surpass commercial fertilizer.

There was no formal Ag Ed Boosters Meeting in November. The Boosters attended a Greenhand and Chapter Degree Ceremony. These degrees are the entry level degrees in the FFA program. Booster member Terry Mescher addressed the group assuring them that the boosters will continue to support the program in any way they can.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual Community Address and Awards Banquet was discussed with tentative plans for late March or early April. Additional information will be forthcoming.

NKTelco Update

NKTelco has installed a communications building in Maria Stein and is installing infrastructure which will provide Chickasaw, Maria Stein and Osgood with state of the art phone, cable TV and internet service. Their General Manager, Preston Meyer informs us that his goal is to be providing service in the area by spring 2014.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

The long talked about and awaited expansion of the Marion Industrial Park is reaching finalization. Pat & Nancy Nieberding have agreed to sell the required acreage, funding has been secured, tax deferments to cover infrastructure are in place and several potential tenants have come forward. Site preparation and infrastructure installation is scheduled for the spring of 2014. Many people worked creatively and diligently to make this happen. The MCDO extends a big Marion Community THANK YOU to all of them. If a new or existing business has an interest in a place to build or expand, please contact Ron Puthoff with Community Development Services. His phone is (419) 305-7260, email - puthoff1@bright.net

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The village is awaiting results from their income survey. These results will determine their eligibility level for obtaining grants for their proposed new water plant. Results are due mid-December.

Chickasaw Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419-925-5810.

Osgood –

Osgood Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.

Marion Township –

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ron Hartings at 925-4804.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55, with a motion from Bob Unrast, seconded by Jean Bender. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

Jim Keller, President	419-925-4764
Barb Kahlig, Secretary	419-925-6301
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Coordinator: Jim Keller	419-925-4764

Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Randy Bruns 419-925-0241
Health, Safety & Education:	Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Jeff Schwieterman 419-925-4345
Land Use:	John Bruns 419-925-4712
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation	Kirk Stucke: 419-733-6261

2014
MCDO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Business Membership Dues: \$60.00 _____ Family Membership Dues: \$15.00 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Please circle any committees listed if you are interested:

MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION
PARK AND RECREATION
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH/EDUCATION
LAND PLANNING
HOUSING

AG-DEVELOPMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE
TOURISM sub-committee

COMMENTS: _____

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