



President, Jim Keller called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 8, 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. Don Rosenbeck moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    \$98,085.00**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$74,964.23
CD's	\$10,359.77
Pass Book	<u>\$12,761.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$98,085.00</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$13,745.10
General Fund - MCDO	\$15,154.99
Marion Soccer	\$5,887.28
Girls' Softball	\$5,159.85
ML FFA	\$13,158.49
Boys Baseball	\$12,394.16
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,421.30
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,500.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$364.80</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$98,085.00</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

**Thank you for mailing in your 2013 MCDO Membership.** We appreciate your support to the community. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Barb Kahlig (419) 925-6301 or email to [mcdo@bright.net](mailto:mcdo@bright.net) if you have any questions.

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Jason Winner*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

September 15: Ted & Diana Bertke  
September 22: Brian & Beth Winner  
September 29: Dave & Laura Pleiman  
October 6: Randy & Ithaca Moeller

## **HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters*

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Maria Stein American Legion on October 21, from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross to schedule an appointment.

On Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Gloria Miller, Outreach specialist at Mercer County Senior Citizen's Center will present, "What you should know about Medicare Open Enrollment", During Medicare Open Enrollment, October 15 to December 7, all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2014. Gloria Miller will provide an opportunity to ask questions and learn how to create a plan to meet your needs for next year. The event will take place at Mercer Health, Meeting Room 1.

In conjunction with Breast Awareness Month, Mercer Health is offering Free Clinical Breast Exam Screenings. The screenings are available on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 11:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Screenings will be performed at the Community Medical Center, 950 South Main Street, Celina. Persons interested must make an appointment by calling 419-586-1220.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The ML FFA and Ag Ed Boosters will be hosting Grain Safety Demonstrations/Training sessions on October 21, 2013. Sessions are being held from 6:00 – 7:30 and 8:00 – 9:30pm. All are welcome and farmers who handle large volumes of grain are strongly encouraged to attend. The event will be at the Homan Ag Building, 8093 Marion Drive, in the Marion Industrial Park.

Over the last few years, numerous "solutions" to the nutrient issues affecting Grand Lake St. Marys have been proposed to Ag Solutions. Some of these ideas hold solid promise and need to be tried in real world farm situations. Ag Solutions does not currently have the resources to drive such an initiative so Jim Keller met with the County Commissioners to seek help. He suggested an individual be hired by the county to work with farmers to investigate and hopefully implement one or more of these ideas. Due to the expense, his request was turned down so Ag Solutions will need to approach this challenge in another manner.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Don Rosenbeck informed us they had a nice turnout for the September 28, Kreuzweg. They had at least 80 participants ranging in age from 8 to 73. The participants were very pleased with the information learned at each stop.

Bob Dippold informed us they had a good turnout for the Identity Theft Seminar held at the Casella CK of A. An identity theft happens every 3 seconds in the United States. Be very careful when using your Credit Cards.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jean Bender introduced a motion to send a \$100 donation to the Marion Local Scholarship Fund. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

**Chickasaw –**

**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** – Bob Unrast informed us that all roads that have been worked on have been seeded and the grass is up.

**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 7:45, with a motion from Bob Dippold, seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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