



President, Jim Keller called the September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on September 10, 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. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$83,485.50

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$59,364.73
CD's	\$10,359.77
Pass Book	<u>\$13,761.00</u>
Total Assets	\$83,485.50

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$14,245.10
General Fund - MCDO	\$12,221.81
Marion Soccer	\$8,287.71
Girls' Softball	\$76,539.85
ML FFA	\$7,196.49
Boys Baseball	\$8,783.41
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$14,047.30
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,500.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$364.80</u>
Total Assets	\$83,485.80

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 if you have any questions.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Jason Winner

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

August 18: Rob & Jaclyn Kemper

August: 25: Larry & Dianne Post

September 1: Kyle & Kendra Seitz

September 8: Glenn & Connie Prenger

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Shelter House in Burkettsville on October 5, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. There will also be a blood drive at the Montezuma Fire Dept./Franklin Twp. Building on October 8, from 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767.

Canned, Frozen or Fresh

When it comes to healthy eating, fruits and vegetables are key. Eating more produce and less fat, added sugars, refined grains and processed meats can lower your risk of obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends eating at least 2-1/2 cups of a variety of fruits and vegetables each day. But is there a nutritional difference between canned, frozen and fresh produce? The answer is that they can all be good choices. You may think that fresh foods are the most nutritious especially if they're recently harvested. But frozen foods can actually be more nutritious, because they are often picked while ripe and quickly frozen, while fresh foods may lose some of their nutrients in between picking and eating. The process of canning, which includes high heat, can destroy some of the vitamins and minerals, but canned fruits and vegetables are still nutritious. They also come already cooked and can last a long time, adding to their convenience. To limit unwanted sugar, fat, and salt, avoid canned and frozen vegetables with added sauces or high sodium, as well as fruits packed in heavy syrup.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed boosters did not conduct a meeting in August so no news was available.

Ag Solutions continues to work on several projects. On August 28th several representatives from the Ohio State University met with local farmers. They introduced a spreadsheet they have devised for calculating and comparing the amount and types of manure nutrients generated on a farm with the amount of nutrients the farmer's acreage and crop rotation can effectively use. The spreadsheet is comprehensive. It accounts for the type, quantity and size of animals, as well as detailed aspects of crop rotation. Most attending felt that this approach had some real world application and the Soil and Water office might effectively use it for their Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs).

A sizeable group of Grand Lake St. Marys watershed farmers joined an ADAPT network in 2011. This network uses federal, state and foundation grant money to scientifically determine how effectively crops are using applied manure and fertilizer. Many test plots have been set up and soil and plant samples are taken frequently to ascertain the nutrient content of each. The long term goal of these studies is to determine the correct balance of applied nutrients with plant uptake so that little to no excess nutrients escapes into the lake. This group met on September 5 to discuss changes in the funding of the program and what steps farmers need to take to keep the project viable.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Rosenbeck reminded the group that the Maria Stein Center is hosting a Kreuzweg on September 28, 2013. Kreuzweg literally means “Way of the Cross” and consists of a bicycle pilgrimage to many of the beautiful local churches. It is not too late to sign up by calling 419-925-4532.

Thanks to Gary Poeppelman and G&L sales, the banner noting that all the Marion Local booster groups support our students is again hanging on a grain bin across from the football field. The banner took a pretty good hit from a wind storm late last fall and had to be taken down for repair. The repairs were donated by Shelly Bruns with RB Advertising. Thanks to Gary and Shelly for their generosity. Continued thanks to Dennis Kremer and Steve Seitz whose companies also contributed to the original effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will be contacting the committees who organize the soccer, softball and baseball activities at the Marion Township Park to determine their willingness to donate some of their funds to the Park. The soccer group has a long standing tradition of donating to the park to show their gratitude for the use of the facility. We’re hoping to get all the organizations to help offset the significant cost of maintaining all the playing fields.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

We were unable to get a direct update from NKTelCo regarding their progress. It appears from observed activity in the area that the project is moving forward.

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 noted that all the planned road repairs have been completed.

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 Unrast, seconded by Jean Bender. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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