



President, Jim Keller called the February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting Minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$109,547.78

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$76,424.69
CD's	\$10,409.71
Pass Book	<u>\$22,713.38</u>
Total Assets	\$109,547.78

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$22,675.06
General Fund - MCDO	\$18,044.47
Marion Soccer	\$3,992.28
Girls' Softball	\$4,359.85
ML FFA	\$15,511.83
Boys Baseball	\$12,394.16
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,906.30
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$364.80</u>
Total Assets	\$108,547.78

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- January 19: Randy & Joann Heitkamp
- January 26: Joe & Jean Bender
- February 2: Steve & Mary Beth Rosenbeck
- February 9: Kevin & Lona Mescher

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

COLLECTION OF 2014 MEMBERSHIPS

We have been collecting for our 2014 Membership for the past two months. At this point there are still 25 businesses and almost 100 family members that have not paid their 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 by reminding everyone in the minutes to pay, so thank you in advance for making your prompt payment. Additional mailings can become costly if we have to send additional reminders. **Thank you to those who have sent in their memberships already.** 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.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Knights of Columbus, Minster on February 24, from 12:00 pm – 6:00pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. February is American Heart Month.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women, but heart disease is preventable and controllable. Choosing healthful meal options can help you avoid heart disease and its complications. Eating foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, and cholesterol and high in fiber can help prevent high cholesterol. For more information on healthy diet and nutrition visit ChooseMyPlate.gov. A healthy outside starts from the inside.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Marion local Ag students continue to perform well in all contests. The boosters are discussing various projects including the building of a greenhouse and/or barn to house animals. The boosters are grateful to Pfizer for the contributions made to their cause over the years. These contributions are initially triggered by pharmaceutical sales made by local veterinarians, such as the Mintons, Maria Stein Animal Clinic and Chickasaw Veterinary Service. Thanks to these generous businesses who direct these funds to our Ag program.

Dr. Kevin King with the USDA presented at the February 3rd Ag Solutions meeting. Dr. King is conducting trials which will identify how soluble phosphorous is escaping from our watershed fields and into the lake. These trials are a long term experiment but Kevin is making great progress. Anyone wishing to know more about the projects that Ag Solutions is pursuing is encouraged to contact mcdo@roadrunner.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Annual Community Address and Awards Banquet will be held on March 30, 2014 from 11:30 - 1:30 at the American Legion Hall. Our Guest Speaker this year will be Keith Westrick. Keith moved into the Marion Community as an adult and became a successful teacher, coach, and community leader. Keith will share his experiences here and how they relate to us building an ever better community. Keith is an excellent speaker whose stories are humorous, interesting and informative. The Distinguished Developer Awards will be given to Chickasaw Garage and OPPAC (Ohio Production Paint and Assembly Corp). Write-ups reflecting the history of these businesses and the community contributions they're making are being prepared. Tickets are being sold at this time, so please contact a Board member if you are interested in attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new items discussed

NKTelco Update

Preston Meyer reports that the cold and snow have delayed their progress. The fiber management infrastructure is almost complete in the communications “hut” they’ve placed on SR716. He is still optimistic that they will have service available to some customers by late spring early summer.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

On September 4 2013, Nieberding Ventures LLC and the MCDO signed an agreement to place an option to purchase land for the industrial park from the Nieberdings. The option was for 6 months and is due to expire before the final purchase can be completed. A motion was made by Bob Dippold and seconded by Elaine Pierron to renew the option. Motion passed unanimously. While there have been questions requiring time and effort to resolve, the Industrial Park expansion project continues to progress steadily. Business owners have already committed to purchasing several lots and others are studying the preliminary layout to determine if the available space can work with their plans. Some lots still remain so if you have an interest in a location 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 committee coordinating the proposed Chickasaw Water facility met on February 6th. Roberta Acosta, a Senior Development Specialist with the Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) is guiding the group in all phases of this project.

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

Osgood – No news this month

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

Marion Township – The snow has impacted the township’s budget. Expenses for salt and truck fuel are significant.

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

Marion Local School

Elaine Pierron informed us that the school has hired Marcia Tebbe as a handicap aide. Chapel Hill Preschool's contact has been renewed for the 2014 - 2015 school year. They had to purchase a VFD to fix the computer problems that occurred due to the power outage earlier this year. Mike Pohlman presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Margie Wuebker for making the media honor roll. She has been commended for the good press that she gives to the Marion Local community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm, with a motion from Don Rosenbeck, seconded by Bob Dippold. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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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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