



President, Jim Keller called the November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on November 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 Shannon Everman. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$114,702.59

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$88,283.14
CD's	\$10,431.80
Pass Book	<u>\$15,987.65</u>
Total Assets	\$114,702.59

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$16,008.73
General Fund - MCDO	\$25,296.20
Marion Soccer	\$8,463.40
Girls' Softball	\$4,229.64
ML FFA	\$14,038.21
Boys Baseball	\$7,504.44
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,436.28
Ag Ed Boosters	\$23,935.59
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	\$300.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,671.93
Total Assets	\$114,702.59

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE / MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke/Ron Hartings

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- October 19: Dale & Karen Poeppelman
- October 26: Gary & Karen Prenger
- November 2: Willie & Bertie Bruns
- November 9: Brian & Kylee Seitz

The Park Soup Club Winners are as follows:

- November: Listing will be in December’s minutes as the winners will be drawn November 19.

Kirk Stucke presented an update for the 301 Club. The 301 Club has sent out the membership renewals for 2015. In 2014, the 301 Club had 338 members, which was a net gain of 11 members. In July, they had a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser and sold 1,290 tickets profiting \$3,100. The Annual Appreciation Party will be held on Friday, January 16, 2015 after the Marion Local Boys Basketball game against New Knoxville. The 301 Club will send out donations to all the local parks in April 2015 and are working to raise money for a new project in the Marion Township Park with the hope of completing by Summer 2015. Thank you to all the members for your support!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to those who have sent in their memberships. The 2015 Membership Drive is coming soon! Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to admin@marioncommunities.com if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

Thank you to all Veterans for serving our country and for their sacrifices to preserve our freedom.

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive on Monday November 17th at the Maria Stein American Legion from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

November is National Diabetes Month. Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. One in 12 Americans has diabetes, that's more than 25 million people. Several million more Americans are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. If you are overweight, have high blood pressure, or are age 45 or older, you are at higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The good news is that people who are at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes can lower their risk by more than half if they make healthy changes. To help prevent type 2 diabetes:

- *Monitor your blood pressure and cholesterol
- *Watch your weight
- *Eat healthy
- *Get more active
- *Get regular checkups by your physician

To get more information on diabetes, ask your physician about your diabetes risk and what you can do to preserve your good health.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Boosters continue to explore ideas for the new building project. Representatives from architectural firm Garmann/Miller have attended the last two meetings to provide guidance. All are welcome at the monthly Ag Boosters meeting which is held at 8pm on the third Monday of the month in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2014.

Ag Solutions did not conduct a meeting in November since it is a busy time of year for the area farmers finishing up the harvest season. The MCDO continues to coordinate the dissemination of relevant information through emails.

OLD BUSINESS:

Al Lochtefeld and Jim Keller finalized a recommendation letter to Midwest Electric showing the MCDO's support for the Chickasaw Water Project. The letter will hopefully assist in driving the external resources needed for funding approval and to keep the project moving.

Please check out the new MCDO website www.marioncommunities.com and forward any updated information as it is a work in progress. Due to the change in the website, the MCDO has also changed email addresses. Jim Keller's new address is mcdo@marioncommunities.com and Shannon Everman's new email is admin@marioncommunities.com. We hope that you find the site much more user friendly!

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO Annual Awards Banquet is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2015. As in the past, a speaker will be scheduled and a meal will be served for those in attendance. Please mark your calendars for the event!

The MCDO is launching a Facebook page and will be providing updates and tidbits on the page. Please “Like” the page and see what’s going on in the Marion Community! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Marion-Community-Development-Organization-MCDO/364126213768450>

NKTelco Update

NKTelco is planning a “Launch Party” on Sunday, December 7 from 1pm to 4pm in the Marion Township Building. NKTelco representatives will be on hand to explain their products and services. Early sign-ups, both business and residential will be available.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

The MCDO made the final Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Loan disbursement in the amount of \$128,103.20. Additionally, Saintignon Excavating is finishing the sewer and drainage in the Industrial Park and will have it completed as soon as the dry weather allows for the final touches.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – See Old Business.

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

Osgood – No update this month.

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

Marion Township – No update this month.

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

Marion Local School – The permanent improvement levy on the November 4, 2014 ballot passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold, seconded by Kirk Stucke. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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