



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 14, 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 Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$261,237.70**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$234,818.25
CD's	\$10,431.80
Pass Book	<u>\$15,987.65</u>
Total Assets	\$261,237.70

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$16,508.73
General Fund - MCDO	\$168,240.37
Marion Soccer	\$8,463.40
Girls' Softball	\$4,229.64
ML FFA	\$17,079.15
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	\$3,721.93
Total Assets	\$261,237.70

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE / MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke/Ron Hartings

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- September 14: Sam & Tina Thobe
- September 21: Mark & Jane Fleck
- September 28: Clinton Thobe
- October 5: Craig & Liz Mescher
- October 12: Art & Rosemary Prenger

The Park Soup Club Winners are as follows:

- September: \$50 Dan & Barb Heitkamp
- \$30 Kevin & Sandy Hartings
- \$25 Gene Bruns
- \$25 Chad Prenger
- October: \$50 Greg & Tana Nietfeld
- \$30 Dan & Kelly Koenig
- \$25 John & Irene Bruns
- \$25 Dan & Dorothy Eifert

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to those who have sent in their memberships. 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.

BUSINESS RETENTION & DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Tony Kaiser

John Wale sat in for Tony Kaiser. He reported that Osgood State Bank is hosting another Football Friday Fun Fest at Indian Lake this coming Friday, October 17, 2014. They are enjoying getting out into the communities during this time of year.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Coldwater Elementary School on October 22, from 2:00PM – 7:00PM and at the Burkettsville Shelter House on November 8, from 8AM – 12:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Talk to your doctor about when you should be screened for breast cancer. Early detection is the key for treatment.

Mercer Health, in cooperation with the Coldwater and Celina Kiwanis, will be conducting their 10th annual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, November 1st, at the Coldwater High School Auditoria, from 10:00AM until 12:30PM. Everything offered is free and open to the public. There will be a large number of screenings offered including pre-school readiness, physical development assessments, hearing screenings, general dental screenings, simple visual assessments, skin cancer assessments of the face, height/weight checks and body mass index readings. Door prizes will be handed out throughout the event. Those wanting more information should call 419-678-5613.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

At their September meeting, the Ag Ed Boosters welcomed the new teacher, FFA Coordinator Kara Uhlenhake to their group. Representatives from Garmann/Miller & Associates, Inc. attended the meeting to field questions about a possible building/greenhouse for hands-on learning. The boosters selected a 5 member building planning committee to explore ideas. 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 October 20, 2014.

Ag Solutions did not conduct a meeting in October. The MCDO continues to coordinate the dissemination of relevant information through emails.

OLD BUSINESS:

The new MCDO website went live on Friday, October 10th. The site address is www.marioncommunities.com. Shelly Bohman, Graphic Communications has been contracted with the MCDO to continue monthly maintenance of the website. Please check out the website 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:

Doug Huelsman, Mayor of Chickasaw, and Al Lochtefeld and Jim Moorman, Board of Public Affairs, were present to discuss the water tower and system. The current system is at its limit and is under capacity for the current need of the community. Al discussed the benefits of the new system, including fire protection, insurance rating upgrades, and positive enhancement for the school, local industry, and housing development. Doug discussed the need for the MCDO to provide a letter giving their support for the project. The letter will assist in driving the external resources to approve funding and hopefully move the project along. The MCDO gladly agreed to provide this letter of recommendation and support.

The Marion Community Scholarship Foundation sent a letter of request for support from the MCDO as in prior years. Bob Unrast moved to approve contributing to the Foundation the same as last year, and Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

NKTelco Update

NKTelco is planning a “Launch Party” at a location and on a date yet to be determined. NKTelco representatives will on hand to explain their products and services. Early sign-ups, both business and residential will be available. We will assist NKTelco in “getting the word out” concerning meeting date, time and location.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

Jared Ebbing and Jim Keller plan to meet with the Marion Township Trustees later this evening to discuss a final agreed to amount that will be paid to reduce the TIF loan. All expenses have been accounted for however some clarification is required regarding who bears what expenses.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – See New 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 school reported on the five year financial forecast with the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years remaining strong. At this time fiscal year 2017 is predicted to have expenses exceeding revenues and continuing through 2019’s budget. However, this projection did not include any of the existing levy renewals. Additionally, the school reported that Marion Local was ranked #20 out of 881 schools in the state with an “A” rating in Achievement and Value Added standards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold, seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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