



President, Jim Keller called the April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on April 14, 2015, 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. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$139,729.97

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$104,455.82
CD's	\$10,444.90
Pass Book	<u>\$24,829.25</u>
Total Assets	\$139,729.97

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$25,390.33
General Fund - MCDO	\$33,135.13
Marion Soccer	\$5,004.55
Girls' Softball	\$8,961.74
ML FFA	\$16,878.07
Boys Baseball	\$8,807.47
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,436.28
Ag Ed Boosters	\$23,662.53
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	\$300.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,335.70
Total Assets	\$139,729.97

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- March 15: Dean & Jane Brunswick
- March 22: Nick & Monica Moeller
- March 29: Brian & Janis Bohman
- April 5: Ken & Lisa Everman
- April 12: Ty & Tara Grieshop

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle are as follows:

\$50 – Elaine Heckman

\$30 – Neal Homan

\$25 – Keith Pohlmann

\$25 – Jeff & Nancy Luebke

The Marion Township Park oversees the maintenance and development of the Marion Township Park. Thank you for your continued support!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all those who have joined the MCDO for 2015! We greatly appreciate your support! 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

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive on April 25th 2015, at the Burkettsville Shelter House from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. There will also be a blood drive on May 1st 2015, at the Mercer Health West Campus from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

Medication Safety Tips:

- Store medicine away from heat, light and moisture.
- Always get your prescription filled on time so you don't run out. Missing even one day can make a difference in the effectiveness of many medications.
- Use one pharmacy for all medications. This will help ensure that you don't take conflicting medications.
- Tell your doctor if you have any side effects.
- Don't take more medication than prescribed.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before buying a new over-the-counter medicine, such as an antihistamine or "cold tablets", to be sure they won't interfere with your prescribed medicine.
- Always check with your doctor before you stop taking a medicine.
- Make sure that all of your doctors know all of the medicines you're taking- both prescription and over-the-counter drugs or herbals.
- Know the names and doses of the medicines you're taking.
- Keep all medicine out of reach of children.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Marion Local FFA held their annual banquet on March 26, 2015 – kudos to the FFA Program for an excellent presentation of professionalism and character. Kara Uhlenhake has resigned her position as the FFA Advisor at Marion Local. Kara did a great job with the program and we thank her for her efforts this past year. There are several applicants for the position so we look forward to the announcement of the new advisor!

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 April 20, 2015.

Ag Solutions did not conduct a meeting in April and have cancelled all formal summer meetings unless a significant topic arises. On Friday, April 17, 2015, there will be an educational webinar on Manure and Nutrient Management in Tile Drained Lands at 2:30 pm. If you are interested in participating in the free webinar, please follow the instructions below:

On the day of the webcast, go to www.extension.org/58813 to download the speaker's power point presentations and connect to the virtual meeting room. First time viewers should also follow the steps at: www.extension.org/8924.

The next meeting will be held at a future date to be announced.

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO Annual Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the Maria Stein American Legion. Our keynote speaker was Milt Miller and he provided an excellent presentation on Grand Lake Restoration. The Distinguished Developer Awards were presented to Huelsman Automotive and Maria Stein Family Practice. Thank you to all those who attended the event!

NEW BUSINESS:

John Bruns, Land Use Committee Chairperson, has provided his resignation with the MCDO. Thank you to John for his service with the MCDO. If you are interested in filling the open position, please contact Jim Keller at mcdo@marioncommunities.com or 419-925-4764.

The Youth Boy's Baseball Program recently contacted the MCDO concerning concussion certifications and training. The Baseball Committee has decided to enforce that all coaches, assistant coaches, umpires, and any other positions volunteering their time with the program to become certified. The certification is an online course that is approximately 30 minutes and free to those required to obtain the certification. The participants are required to provide proof of certification to the Committee. Additionally, parents were provided a concussion informational sheet, as required by Ohio Law.

The Marion Local Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a dedication to the newly renovated Baseball Stadium on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 5:00 pm against Minster. There will be free hot dogs at the game – please consider checking it out!

Don Rosenbeck provided an update on the Maria Stein Shrine renovation. There will be 6 distinct galleries in the new area and the categories of each gallery is as follows:

1. Foundations
2. Land of Cross-Tipped Churches
3. Vidoes and Interviews
4. Prayer & Spirituality
5. Various Ministries
6. The Farm

The visuals and information on each of these areas were quite impressive and we look forward to the Grand Opening in June!

Coming soon on the MCDO Facebook page....Several area businesses will be highlighted for their expansion projects that support our area communities. It is great to see local businesses developing and growing!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The village continues to seek funding for their Water Project.

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

Osgood – The town council is working on a 5-year plan for the street projects. The town is also working on a solution for the Lagoon issue causing a distinct odor in the area.

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

Marion Township – The Township plans to pave 2.6 miles of Homan Road South of 119. They are also going to chip and seal various other roads in the area.

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

Marion Local Schools – The focus of the April Board Meeting was personnel matters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold, seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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