



President, Jim Keller called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 9, 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. Don Rosenbeck moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS     **\$122,691.08**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$90,608.71
CD's	\$10,449.64
Pass Book	<u>\$21,632.73</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$122,691.08</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$21,691.71
General Fund - MCDO	\$32,880.10
Marion Soccer	\$9,174.55
Girls' Softball	\$1,301.18
ML FFA	\$10,033.85
Boys Baseball	\$6,683.96
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,436.28
Ag Ed Boosters	\$23,301.06
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	\$300.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,070.22
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$122,691.08</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 17:	Ted & Janet Heitkamp	May 31:	Dan & Carla Grieshop
May 24:	Ivo & Pam Knapke		

The Recreation Committee recently approved donations for the Chickasaw, Osgood, and Marion Township Parks.

## **MARION TOWNSHIP PARK**

*Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings*

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

\$50 – Leo & Diane Homan

\$30 – Dale & Lynn Homan

\$25 – Jay & Diana Heitkamp

\$25 – Elaine Heckman

The Marion Township Park Board 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](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com) if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters*

Summer means sunshine, cookouts... and of course, home safety. Unintentional injuries are the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and 48% of them occur in the home. But simple common sense measures, such as keeping a tidy space with unexposed cords, medications, and toys will help to prevent in-home injuries.

Equally important, every home should be equipped with smoke and gas detection alarms. Carbon monoxide and other gases are silent threats, both odorless and colorless. Installing devices that test air quality to detect dangerous smoke and chemicals that are present is the only sure way to protect your home. So, always make sure these alarms are working by testing the alarms every month.

Make sure your family is prepared and has a plan of action if an alarm sounds. Educate your children on the proper ways to exit a house during a fire, such as staying low to the ground and how to “stop, drop, and roll.”

Being precautionous and prepared is the best way to make your family and home safe.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

Ag Ed Booster Officers elected at the April meeting for the 2015-2016 School Year are as follows:

- Joe Meyer – President
- Shawn Tuente – Vice President
- Becky Ungruhn – Secretary
- Linda Broering – Treasurer

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 June 15, 2015.

Ag Solutions did not conduct a meeting in May and, as a reminder, have cancelled all formal summer meetings unless a significant topic arises.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NKTELCO continues with installation in the Maria Stein area. No update was available as to when they will be expanding service to outlying areas. They will have a booth at the Country Fest so visit them there and they can answer any questions you may have.

Saintignon is leveling top soil in the new Industrial Park area getting it ready for building and development for the businesses that have purchased these lots. Midwest Electric is installing street lights and infrastructure to provide electricity to the area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mindy Kremer, Senior Director of Marketing and Development for Mercer Health, recently contacted the MCDO to provide an overview and update on Mercer Health. It was discussed that the MCDO will hold a business luncheon on September 16, 2015 with Mercer Health as the Guest Speaker. Ms. Kremer will likely discuss the history of Mercer Health, the impact it has on this particular area, and the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care). The MCDO plans to conduct business luncheons whenever worthwhile speakers are available and community interest supports the activity.

The MCDO has decided to implement a new process for recognition of MCDO membership for area businesses. Instead of plaques and annual stickers, the decision was made to transition to window decals. These decals will be sent out in the coming weeks to each of the 2015 Business Members. The MCDO anticipates that these will be well-received!

**VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

**Chickasaw** – The water committee continues to seek funding for the proposed new water plant.

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

**Osgood** – No new report.

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

**Marion Township** – No new report.

**Marion Township Park Board** – For information or concerns about the park, call Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

**Marion Local Schools** – The Board Meeting held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was focused mainly on personnel transitions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast, seconded by Don Rosenbeck. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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