



President, Jim Keller called the March meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on March 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 Jean Bender. Kirk Stucke moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Mike Monnier seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$120,454.04**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$85,332.44
CD's	\$10,442.35
Pass Book	<u>\$24,679.25</u>
Total Assets	\$120,454.04

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$25,740.33
General Fund - MCDO	\$30,971.68
Marion Soccer	\$5,064.55
Girls' Softball	\$4,186.74
ML FFA	\$7,683.62
Boys Baseball	\$5,254.44
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	\$120,454.04

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- February 15: Craig & Amy Knapke
- February 22: Cory & Lisa Moeller
- March 1: Mark Griesdorn
- March 8: Jerry & Chris Schulte

Kirk Stucke provided an update for the 301 Club for the 2015 year. He wanted to thank everyone for attending the Appreciation Party in January and also to Kevin Hartings for preparing the soup! For 2015, there were 9 non-renewals and 1 new member for the 301 Club. The budget planning is coming up in April and the 301 Club supports the area parks, especially for Youth Sports. They have provided equipment for the baseball teams, paid umpire fees, and various tournament fees. They will continue to support the parks thanks to the continued memberships!

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK
Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

- \$50 – Ted & Janet Heitkamp
- \$30 – Todd & Angie Francis
- \$25 – Rick & Brenda Evers
- \$25 – Neal Homan

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

The 2015 Membership Drive is underway! The new 2015 Forms can be found at <http://marioncommunities.com/mcdo-membership.htm>. Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. 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. We greatly appreciate your support!

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters have representatives on the Facilities Committee as formed by the Marion Local Schools. Recently, the School has sent an informative newsletter to all residents describing the needs facing many of the organizations involved. Please take the time to review the newsletter and provide feedback to the school by taking the survey that was included in the newsletter.

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 March 16, 2015.

Ag Solutions did not conduct a meeting in March. There are two upcoming Field Days for those who are interested. The first is 2015 Brandt Farm Field Day discussing The 4W's of Soil Health. It will be held Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the David Brandt Farm from 8:30am – 3:30pm at 6100 Basil Western Road, Carroll, OH 43112. Registration can be found at www.walnutcreekseeds.com or by calling 330-475-6352 and lunch is included.

The second field day is Tuesday, April 7, 2015 presenting Cover Crop Strategies. It is at the Stanley & Debbie Brown Farm from 2pm – 7pm. For more information, contact Debbie Brown at brown.1522@osu.edu or 937.498.7239. The location is South of the St. Marys Township House 10752 SR 364, St. Marys, Ohio 45885; SR 364 north of SR 219.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the Maria Stein American Legion. Our keynote speaker this year will be Milt Miller. Milt is the manager of the Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Commission (LRC). Milt has worked diligently with the MCDO and Ag Solutions to implement solutions that are acceptable to all involved. He will update us on lake restoration efforts both past and future. He always brings a unique perspective and a wry sense of humor to any issue. The annual Distinguished Developer Awards will be presented to Huelsman Automotive and Maria Stein Family Practice. Tickets are now available by contacting any

MCDO Board Member, Jim Keller at mcdo@marioncommunities.com or Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the St. Henry and Osgood Banks.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Village of Chickasaw recently provided their membership to the MCDO and requested that the funds be used for the Parks. The MCDO discussed the request and a transfer was made to the Recreation Committee to be used for the park.

Please keep an eye 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!

Osgood State Bank is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year! The Bank has events in the works and also in coordination with Osgood Town Council to make this celebration special. Stay tuned and Congratulations Osgood State Bank!

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.

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

Marion Township – The township anticipates road paving to continue when the weather breaks this Spring.

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

Marion Local School – The school is working on employee contract renewals that are due in April. Common Core is also a continued focus for the schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m., with a motion from Mike Monnier, seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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2015 MCDO Membership Form

Business Membership \$60.00 _____ Family Membership \$15.00 _____		
Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deduction: _____		
Name:		Date:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	

***Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization
Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065***

Please circle any committees listed if you are interested:

MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION	HEALTH/EDUCATION	BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
AG-DEVELOPMENT	LAND PLANNING	HOUSING
PARK AND RECREATION	INFRASTRUCTURE	