



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 May 12, 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. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$129,930.27**

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$94,655.24	Recreation Fund	\$24,960.33
CD's	\$10,445.78	General Fund - MCDO	\$33,924.94
Pass Book	<u>\$24,829.25</u>	Marion Soccer	\$5,004.55
Total Assets	\$129,930.27	Girls' Softball	\$3,344.18
		ML FFA	\$10,647.59
		Boys Baseball	\$10,857.47
		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	\$6,335.70
		Total Assets	\$129,930.27

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 19:	Craig & Melissa Riethman	May 3:	Mitch & Kate Thobe
April 26:	Ruth Vehorn	May 10:	Kevin & Carol Stucke

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

\$50 – Trent & Erin Huelsman	\$30 – Carl & Linda Koenig
\$25 – Doug & Nancy Billerman	\$25 – Darrin & Kim Poeppelman

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 if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

May is Arthritis Awareness Month

Arthritis is inflammation of the joints in one or more areas of the body. There are more than 100 different types of arthritis, all of which have different causes and treatment methods. The symptoms of arthritis usually appear gradually but they may also occur suddenly. Arthritis is most commonly seen in adults over the age of 65 but it can also develop in children and teens. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, arthritis is more common in women than men and in those that are overweight.

Osteoarthritis, one of the most common forms of arthritis, is caused by normal wear and tear throughout life; this natural breakdown of cartilage can be accelerated by an infection or injury to the joints.

Rheumatoid arthritis, another common form of arthritis, occurs when your body's immune system attacks the tissues of the body. Rheumatoid arthritis can eventually lead to the destruction of both bone and cartilage inside the joint.

Diagnosis and treatment of arthritis is based upon your physician performing a physical exam. The main goal of treatment is to reduce the amount of pain you're experiencing and prevent any additional damage to the joints.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Marion Local Facilities Committee recommended that the Marion Local Board of Education hire an architect to conduct a feasibility study for the needs that were previously discussed in the MCDO minutes surrounding Ag Ed, Athletics, Band, etc.

The new Marion Local FFA Coordinator/Ag Ed Teacher is Matt Elsass. Matt is originally from Anna and has been working in the Xenia School District in Greene County as the Ag Ed Teacher for the past few years. Welcome Matt! Thank you again to Kara (Uhlenhake) Buschur for her efforts this past school year with the FFA Program!

FFA members recently attended the State Convention. The attendees learned that in 2015, 6 of their members had earned Proficiency Awards, 4 received American Degrees and 5 received State Degrees. Our students continue to perform extremely well at the local, state and national levels

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 May and, as a reminder, have cancelled all formal summer meetings unless a significant topic arises. On Tuesday, May 5, a group of members gathered at the Soil and Water office in Celina to participate in a webinar discussing Critical Source Areas. The webinar discussed how Stone Environmental in Vermont developed a computer model which uses various inputs such as soil tests, topography, soil type and crop rotations to determine areas that are most likely to leach phosphorus into waterways. After the presentation, the group reviewed the applicability of the modeling to the local issues. The group felt that our limited time, energy and resources could be better spent elsewhere since we are keenly aware of where the "hot spots" are located.

On April 23rd, an Idaho company, Ag Concepts met with Ag Solutions members at the Chickasaw Library to introduce “Agzyme”. Agzyme is added to irrigation systems or sprayed on fields. The enzymes in this product enhance the microbiology of the soil, improving soil and plant health. Healthy plants use up more dissolved reactive phosphorous keeping it out of the lake. Ag Solutions is working on using it on a test site to verify its effectiveness.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NK Telco has one individual finalizing the connections to homes and businesses in the Maria Stein area. Current work is focused on the Industrial Park, SR 119 and St. Johns Road. Once these hookups are complete NKTelco plans to hook up the outlying areas that have the infrastructure complete and bring their service north on SR 716 to Chickasaw.

There have been some recent inquiries about additional lots in the Industrial Park for business expansion. These lots have all been sold; however, there is a possibility of working with the current lot owners for these business expansions. The MCDO was excited to hear of the interest of industries within our community.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO received an add-on coverage item for the current insurance policy. The item to be considered was for Terrorism Insurance. Bob Unrast moved to decline the coverage. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – No new report.

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 Ron Hartings at 925-4804.

Marion Local Schools – The Board decided to hire an architect for the Facilities Committee feasibility study. Several employees were hired into open positions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold, seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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