



President, Jim Keller called the November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on November 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting Minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Shannon Everman. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Don Rosenbeck seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$127,626.40**

Asset Allocations

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| Checking | \$100,683.38 |
| CD's | \$10,465.29 |
| Pass Book | \$16,477.73 |
| Total Assets | \$127,626.40 |

Funding Allocations

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| Recreation Fund | \$18,103.96 |
| General Fund - MCDO | \$28,297.61 |
| Marion Soccer | \$7,169.83 |
| Girls' Softball | \$9,761.18 |
| ML FFA | \$16,123.95 |
| Boys Baseball | \$8,340.28 |
| AS Promo | \$3,817.87 |
| AG Solutions | \$1,716.30 |
| Ag Ed Boosters | \$23,268.59 |
| Ag Ed Scholarship | \$5,000.00 |
| ML Bowling | \$300.30 |
| Marion Industrial Park Association | \$5,726.53 |
| Total Assets | \$127,626.40 |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| October 18: | Doug & Nancy Billerman | October 25: | Kevin & Laura Griesdorn |
| November 1: | Penny Bishel | November 8: | Jay & Sharon Thobe |

The 301 Club recently appointed a new President, Cory Albers. Thank you to Kirk Stucke for your service!

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

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| \$50 – Brian & Marlene Gagel | \$30 – Honk Bruns |
| \$25 – Todd & Carol Gagel | \$25 – Dale & Kate Knapke |

Thanks to all the members continuing their support of the Marion Township Park!

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.

Just a reminder that all dues for 2016 will be due in January 2016!

HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Burkettsville Shelter House on December 5, from 8:00AM – 12:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Giving Yourself the Gift of Wellness

The great thing about the holiday season is having the chance to spend valuable time with our loved ones, showing our appreciation for one another and overall, give thanks.

The period from Thanksgiving to January 1 provides numerous opportunities to toss healthy habits to the curb. But with a little planning and a measure of self-control, you can make it through the holidays with no regrets. Here are a few tips for surviving the holidays without putting on the pounds.

- Eat a protein snack on your way to an event, so you'll feel fuller when temptation is in front of you.
- Go for a walk or jog after a big family meal (invite your family or friends for added incentive).
- Don't drink your calories. Stick with water or tea and if you drink alcohol, stick with wine or light beer.
- If you host a party offer healthy options.
- Get plenty of rest. Sleep deprivation can contribute to weight gain.
- If you haven't taken care of your annual physical/wellness exam, schedule an appointment with your doctor. You'll get guidance on lifestyle changes that you can make to ensure a healthier New Year.
- Focus on the holidays. The most important thing is spending time with loved ones and creating memories.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Jim Keller has made the decision to relinquish his leadership with Ag Solutions. Jim has held this position since 2011 and feels that the group needs a dynamic leader with more knowledge and experience in agriculture. He is working with area leaders and the county commissioners to come up with an effective approach to continuing the vital mission of Ag Solutions. There will be more to come in next month's meeting minutes!

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

The Ag Ed Booster's next meeting will be held Monday, November 16th, 2015 at 8pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited!

OLD BUSINESS:

WOODVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION: RAPID Development from Fort Loramie has received approval from both the county and township for the layout of plats and infrastructure in a new development. This development consists of 25 wooded lots and is located east of SR716 and just south of Marion Acres. Purchasers of lots can choose their preferred contractor. The MCDO extends a hearty welcome to RAPID and thanks them for their venture into the Marion Community.

The Marion Industrial Park Association held its annual meeting on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Marion Township Building. The Industrial Park is growing and several businesses are in progress with new construction. With that, the discussion centered on the Industrial Park's signage and how to include the new members. A design committee was established and the Association is hoping to have the new sign completed in 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO has a Certificate of Deposit (CD) that expires on November 17, 2015. Additionally, the MCDO made the decision to transfer an additional \$5,000 into a CD to earn a bit of interest on existing funds. Don Rosenbeck moved to approve the renewal and transfer of additional funds. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Maria Rethman provided an updated budget for Chapel Hill Preschool for the 2015-2016 school year. Enrollment is down significantly for the school year and the decision was made to hold a committee meeting soon to discuss options for the preschool.

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 Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

Marion Local Schools – The MCDO encourages everyone to study the facilities layout that is illustrated in the recent (November 2015) Marion Local Newsletter. We feel that the entities involved did an excellent job laying out a workable approach that would create an outcome that we could all be extremely proud of. The school would like your feedback which you can provide by visiting the school's website and clicking on the proper link, or type <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHRV6GN> into your browser.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

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| Jim Keller, President | 419-925-4764 |
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| Jean Bender, Treasurer | 419-925-4254 |
| Elaine Pierron | 419-925-5704 |
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Committee Chairpersons

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| Agricultural Development: | Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212 |
| Business Retention & Dev.: | Tony Kaiser, 419-582-2681 |
| Health, Safety & Education: | Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620 |
| Housing: | Bob Unrast 419-925-4151 |
| Infrastructure: | Open |
| Land Use: | Open |
| Membership: | Bob Dippold 419-305-0128 |
| Recreation: | Cory Albers: |



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