



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 12, 2016, 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. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$148,499.10

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$107,607.02
CD's	\$15,509.27
Savings	<u>\$25,382.81</u>
Total Assets	\$148,499.10

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$25,808.74
General Fund - MCDO	\$34,004.99
Marion Soccer	\$6,960.83
Girls' Softball	\$12,486.18
ML FFA	\$16,514.75
Boys Baseball	\$10,185.78
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$0.00
Ag Ed Boosters	\$24,885.81
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500.00
ML Bowling	\$140.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$9,193.85
Total Assets	<u>\$148,499.10</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

March 13:	Rick & Angie Moeller	March 20:	Craig & Amy Knapke
March 27:	Ben & Tess Moeller	April 3:	Dan & Lisa Gross
April 10:	Steve & Linda Moeller		

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

\$50 – Herb & Linda Ranly	\$30 – Art & Joyce Moeller
\$25 – Dave & Bonnie Tangeman	\$25 – Tom Mescher

Thanks to all the members continuing their support of the Marion Township Park! Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

All annual memberships are wrapping up for 2016. Bob Dippold has mailed several letters to various community families who have previously not been a member to encourage new membership. The Board discussed encouraging the area farm businesses to become members as well. Below you will find the 2016 membership form. 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. Thank you to all renewed and new members!

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Knights of St John, Maria Stein on May 2, 2016 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Spring showers bring May flowers. Here are a few gardening tips to help keep you safe and healthy so that you can enjoy the beauty and bounty gardening can bring.

Dress to protect. Gear up to protect yourself from lawn and garden pests, harmful chemicals, sharp or motorized equipment, insects, and harmful rays of too much sun.

- Wear safety goggles and long pants to prevent injury when using power tools and equipment.
- Wear gloves to lower the risk for skin irritations, cuts, and certain contaminants.
- Use insect repellent to protect yourself from diseases caused by mosquitoes and ticks.

Put safety first. Powered and unpowered tools and equipment can cause serious injury. Limit distractions, use chemicals and equipment properly, and be aware of hazards to lower your risk of injury.

- Follow instructions and warning labels on chemicals.
- Make sure equipment is working properly.
- Sharpen tools carefully.
- Keep harmful chemicals and tools out of children's reach.

Gardening can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors, get physical activity, beautify the community, and grow nutritious fruits and vegetables. If you are a beginner or expert gardener, health and safety should always be a priority.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

Bob Unrast provided an additional update on the housing development within the community. The Chickasaw Development Company Survey under Bill Minton has established a four-lot development by his existing new home. There are three additional lots available at 2.6 acres each. He has already sold one of lots. This is very exciting news for the Marion Community!

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The annual FFA Banquet was held on Monday, March 14th, 2016. Dale Minyo, Ohio Ag Net ABM Broadcast Anchor was the featured speaker. Our very own, Jim Keller, became an Honorary Member of the FFA. Additionally, four students: Evan Fleck, Tegan Fortkamp, Adam Kremer and Alexis Wilker earned an American Degree and Rachel Reichert earned a State Degree. An always entertaining part of the banquet is the pie auction which generates some great income for the chapter. The MCDO is very proud of the work that these students have accomplished!

Theresa Dirksen is now the full time Agriculture Solutions Coordinator working with agricultural producers in the GLSM watershed. With Theresa on board, the MCDO closed out its Ag Solutions financial account returning the remaining funds to the Lake Restoration Commission, the entity which had originally donated \$5,000 to the Ag Solutions cause. Theresa attended the MCDO Annual Banquet where she was introduced to the community!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, April 18th, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO Annual Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, April 10th, 2016 at 11:30am at the Maria Stein American Legion. The guest speaker, State Representative Jim Buchy, provided the community with his agricultural and political wisdom. The 2016 Distinguished Developer Award was presented to Bergman Tool & Machine Co. Amy Gehret who works with Angie Homan at Everyone Cooks provided an excellent meal! The MCDO sincerely thanks Mr. Buchy, the Bergmans, all who attended and the volunteers who worked to make the banquet a great success.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO Board along with Marion Township has recommended sending welcome arrangements to the new businesses within the new Industrial Park. Bob Dippold made a motion to approve the recommendation. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion with all members approving unanimously.

The MCDO Quarterly Newsletter can be emailed to those members of the community that have moved further away and are still interested in keeping updated concerning “what’s happening” in the Marion community. If you would like to have this emailed to a family member or friend, please contact Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com to have them included.

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 – This year’s paving project will be on Kremer Road between 119 and Huwer Road. Additional roads will have minor chipping repairs.

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

Marion Local Schools – The Marion Local School is considering a Health Bonus of \$50 for meeting certain criteria to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Various employee contracts were also approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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Committee Chairpersons

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2016 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***