



MCDO

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

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$132,731

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$105,200
CD's	\$15,551
Savings	<u>\$11,980</u>
Total Assets	\$132,731

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$12,890
General Fund - MCDO	\$31,267
Marion Soccer	\$12,047
Girls' Softball	\$12,345
ML FFA	\$13,971
Boys Baseball	\$8,784
AS Promo	\$3,818
Ag Ed Boosters	\$24,726
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$140
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$8,243
Total Assets	\$132,731

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 19:	Greg Heitkamp	July 17:	Ted & Janet Heitkamp
June 26:	Alan & Sandy Heitkamp	July 24:	Dan & Jeanne Mescher
July 3:	Vaughn & Kim Ray	July 31:	Mark Griesdorn
July 10:	Mark & Mitch Hardesty	August 7:	Walter Braun

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

\$50 – Tom Moeder	\$30 – Roger & Lynn Ungruhn
\$25 – Mary Kay Wuebker	\$25 – Stan Bruns

Thank you to all who supported the recent Alumni Tournaments at the Marion Township Park! Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all renewed and new members for 2016! 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!

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

H2O is the Way to Go! Choosing to drink water over sugary alternatives like soda has numerous benefits:

- The body is composed of 60% water. The functions of these body fluids include digestion, absorption, circulation, creation of saliva, transportation of nutrients, and maintenance of body temperature. Replenishing it keeps the maximum functionality.
- About 20% of fluid intake comes from what we eat. Choose foods like fruits and vegetables to add hydration.
- Hydration from drinking water keeps the skin looking younger. Dehydration may make your skin appear more dry and wrinkled.
- Water helps to keep your kidneys healthy and to maintain normal bowel function. If you chronically drink too little, you may be at higher risk for kidney stones, especially in warmer climates.
- Cells that don't maintain their balance of fluids and electrolytes shrivel, which can result in muscle fatigue.

Furthermore, the Institute of Medicine has determined the adequate intake of total beverage per day to be about 3 liters or 13 cups for men and 2.2 liters or 9 cups for women.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters are going to assist the Mercer County Dairy Association at the ice cream/milkshake stand during the 2016 Mercer County Fair. Please come out to support them!

The Ag Ed Boosters have been working on a project with the Marion Local Administration to add classroom equipment that will enhance hands-on experience for the students. It is great to see this collaboration for student education!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, August 15th, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The new phase of the Industrial Park is in development mode! New construction is nearing completion on a 12,000 square foot steel frame building for Manco Manufacturing which will be used for fabricating and shipping purposes. They will be moving their shear, press brake, punching, rolling, sawing, forming, and machining equipment into this new building freeing up more room for their welding and assembly areas. H.A. Dorsten is the general contractor for the project and Manco is anticipating a late Sept. or early Oct. occupancy date. We're delighted in all the progress being made in the Industrial Park but wanted to highlight the Manco addition since its owners Pat and Nancy Nieberding were the good folks who parted with the acreage on which the entire Industrial Park is built. Thanks Nancy and Pat and congratulations on your new addition.

Construction is also started on Brick Haus Salon & Spa at the North entrance of Flyer Drive and is anticipated to open winter 2016. Daycare Discoveries is nearly completed and will be opening soon. We look forward to the continuing progress in the Park and will provide updates as they unfold.

The MCDO is working to finalize the transfer of the land located at Marion Township Park that is currently owned by the MCDO to the Township Trustees. The MCDO is continuing to work on liability coverage for the organizations supported by the MCDO and for Directors and Officers. The MCDO plans to review options for the liability coverage once the information becomes available.

The MCDO has been approached about the possibility of a sidewalk along the East side of State Route 716. In light of all of the recent housing development, the MCDO is reviewing grant options for the sidewalk, including Safe Routes to School. Years ago, the residents on the West side of 716 wanted a sidewalk and the residents self-funded the project. There are options we will pursue but it will be a significant challenge to get outside funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chapel Hill Preschool Advisory Board met on Tuesday, August 2nd. There are many new changes to the Preschool Program for the 2016-2017 school year. The hours are extended to 3 hours per session instead of 2 ½ hours. Additionally, the hours have changed from 8:15am – 11:15am for the morning session and 12:15pm – 3:15pm for the afternoon session to align with the school hours. Tuition rates have changed to account for the extension of hours. The budget was reviewed for the school year and with increased enrollment, the financial situation has also improved.

The Marion Local Band Boosters requested sponsorship for the Midwest Ohio Marching Band Competition to be held on Saturday, October 15th, 2016. Don Rosenbeck moved to approve the sponsorship. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Exempt Organization Tax Form 990 was reviewed for the 2015 tax year. There were no adjustments required and the filing occurred within the required timeframe. Bob Dippold moved to approve the review and filing of the Form 990. Don Rosenbeck 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 Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

Marion Local Schools – The Marion Local Schools will begin classes on Wednesday, August 24th, 2016. The School Board has encouraged new goals for the year. One of the goals is to improve the ability of students to review problems and create solutions using STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) opportunities. Additionally, the staff has been encouraged to review current homework assignments to ensure meaningful assignments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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