



President, Jim Keller called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on December 13, 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 Jean Bender. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$137,435	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$111,858			Recreation Fund	\$11,092
CD's	\$15,595			General Fund – MCDO	\$29,150
Savings	<u>\$9,982</u>			Marion Soccer	\$9,466
Total Assets	\$137,435			Girls' Softball	\$12,148
				ML FFA	\$14,289
				Boys Baseball	\$12,886
				AS Promo	\$3,818
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,836
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
				ML Bowling	\$140
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$4,148
				Woods Chapel	\$4,962
				Total Assets	\$137,435

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| November 13: BJ & Keisha Wolters | December 4: Craig & Holly Wolters |
| November 20: Bob Leugers | December 11: Matt & Kelly Guggenbiller |
| November 27: Brad & Sandi Holdheide | |

The 2016 301 Club Membership Drive is underway! Your support is greatly appreciated!

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle will be provided in next month’s minutes. Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Just a reminder that the 2017 Memberships are due January 2017! 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 in 2016!

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

Feasting with family and friends is part of many holiday celebrations. It's important to practice food safety during the holidays. Here are a few tips from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), to keep safe from food poisoning or food borne illness during the holidays.

- Wash your hands. Be sure to wash your hands before and after preparing food, after touching raw meat, raw eggs and unwashed vegetables.
- Cook food thoroughly. Meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs can carry germs that cause food poisoning. Use a food thermometer to ensure these foods have been cooked to the safe minimum internal temperature.
- Do not eat dough or batter. Dough and batter made with eggs can contain harmful germs, such as E coli and Salmonella.
- Keep foods separated. Keep meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from all other foods at the grocery and in the refrigerator. Prevent juices from meat, poultry, and seafood from dripping or leaking onto other foods by keeping in containers or sealed plastic bags.
- Keep food out of the "danger zone." Bacteria can grow rapidly at room temperature. After food is cooked, keep hot food hot and cold food cold. Refrigerate or freeze any perishable food within 2 hours. The temperature in your refrigerator should be set at or below 40 degrees and the freezer at or below 0 degrees.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

For the last several years, the Ag Ed Boosters have scheduled a speaker to address pertinent AG related issues to our community. This year they are looking for a speaker to discuss "the best time to expand Ag Operations". Stay tuned for additional updates.

Theresa Dirksen kicked off a manure nutrient concentration pilot project this week at the Brad Schwieterman farm. The public was invited on Tuesday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 14th to view the Digested Organics Technology in use. It is great to see the cooperation of the local farm community with the Ag Solutions program! The next Ag Solutions meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30th, 2017. Time and location to be announced.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The Safe Routes to School Program Consultants were scheduled to meet on December 12th, 2016 with School Administration and MCDO Representatives and then at the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. However, due to the weather situation and school cancellation, the meeting will be rescheduled. More information will follow!

Previous discussions regarding sidewalk edging in the Maria Stein community continued. There will be more information in the form of a letter provided to residents in Spring 2017.

The Woods Chapel Campaign has received an overwhelming response from donors in the Marion Community and surrounding area. Anyone who wishes to donate to the chapel repairs can send the donation to MCDO – Woods Chapel, PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860. We greatly appreciate your support!

Ted Bertke from Leuger’s Insurance provided recommendations on insurance coverage for the programs supported by the MCDO and the Directors and Officers of the MCDO. The decision was made to purchase coverage for the programs – Commercial General Liability Insurance. Bob Unrast moved to approve the coverage for the Commercial General Liability. Jean Bender seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Homan, Mercer County Commissioner attended the meeting to suggest a new program for the Marion Community and Marion Local Students. The program is designed to recognize those students who work and are the “doers” throughout high school and may not have the opportunity to be recognized through other avenues such as Sports, FFA, Band, National Honor Society, etc. The MCDO will create the requirements needed for students to achieve this award and a recipient(s) will be recognized at the Annual MCDO Spring Banquet.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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 – No new report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, *January 10th, 2017* at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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