



President, Jim Keller called the February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 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 Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$138,370.67

Asset Allocations

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| Checking | \$100,087.50 |
| CD's | \$15,492.36 |
| Savings | <u>\$22,790.81</u> |
| Total Assets | \$138,370.67 |

Funding Allocations

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| Recreation Fund | \$23,816.74 |
| General Fund - MCDO | \$29,796.83 |
| Marion Soccer | \$7,020.83 |
| Girls' Softball | \$8,686.18 |
| ML FFA | \$18,547.77 |
| Boys Baseball | \$8,340.28 |
| AS Promo | \$3,817.87 |
| AG Solutions | \$1,499.93 |
| Ag Ed Boosters | \$23,010.09 |
| Ag Ed Scholarship | \$4,500.00 |
| ML Bowling | \$140.30 |
| Marion Industrial Park Association | \$9,193.85 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$138,370.67</u> |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| January 17: | Randy Bruns | January 24: | Troy & Heidi Luebke |
| January 31: | Greg & Ann Garmann | February 7: | Charlie & Deb Riethman |

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

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| \$50 – Doug Hartings | \$30 – Agnes Schulze |
| \$25 – Ken & Karen Shaner | \$25 – Mary Thobe |

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

It is time for the **MCDO 2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!** All annual memberships are now due for 2016. 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 Maria Stein American Legion Hall on Monday, March 7 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800 733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Mercer Health will be Hosting the Mercer Healthy Living Expo on Saturday March 5th, from 8:00AM – 11:30AM at the Galleria in Celina. This event will be the most comprehensive annual health fair in the area. Nearly 50 exhibits from local organizations will offer free discounted health screenings, health information and much more. Also included in the event is a Blood Drive, Prescription Drug Take Back, Jump House, Live Demonstrations and more!

Free Health Screenings Include:

- *Blood Glucose Test
- *Blood Pressure Screening
- *Bone Density/Osteoporosis Screening
- *Hearing Screening
- *Vascular Risk Assessment
- *Vision Test
- *And More!

Please visit the Mercer Health website at www.mercer-health.com for more information.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The *Keeping Your Farm in the Family: Planning for a Successful Transition* event was well-attended and was a success! The Marion Local Ag and FFA Boosters intend to continue to host annual events for the community. Thank you to all those who attended and for your continued support!

The week of February 21st – February 27th is National FFA Week. In honor of FFA Week, the Marion Local FFA is hosting a community and staff breakfast on Wednesday, February 24th, 2016 from 7:30am – 9:00 am in the Marion Local High School Commons. All contributors and supporters are invited to attend. Please RSVP to elsassm@marionlocal.org by Monday, February 22nd.

The annual FFA Banquet is scheduled for Monday, March 14th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Students from the chapter are recognized for their outstanding participation in many CDE contests, leadership events, and SAE projects. Additionally, a pie auction is held to help raise money for the chapter.

Mercer County commissioner Greg Homan received approval for an Agriculture Solutions Coordinator to work with agricultural producers in the county. This person would continue the mission of Ag Solutions in seeking effective solutions to the environmental issues impacting the lake. Several county entities are involved in the creation and funding of this position. Several applicants have responded and the interviewing process will begin soon.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chapel Hill Preschool recently submitted a survey to the parents for feedback of the program’s operations. The survey results were very positive and due to the feedback received, the **class times for the 2016/2017 School Year will be changed to 8:15am – 11:15am for the AM Preschool and 12:15pm – 3:15 pm for the PM Preschool.**

The MCDO Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th, 2016 at 11:30am at the Maria Stein American Legion. The guest speaker will be State Representative Jim Buchy and the 2016 Distinguished Developer Award will be presented to Bergman Tool & Machine Co. Please mark your calendars for the event!

NEW BUSINESS:

In January’s minutes, the MCDO Board moved to approve a change in accounting firms. The decision was made to engage Moorman, Harting, & Company for accounting and tax services with Alan Wolters as the primary contact on the engagement.

Business Luncheons were discussed at the meeting. The MCDO is working to host a spring luncheon – more information to follow!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering will be attending the Chickasaw meeting on February 10th to discuss the water project.

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 – Survey results for the facility projects were recently provided to the community. Garmann/Miller presented a feasibility study to the Board which helped provide a vision for future potential facility projects. The Board will need to decide which projects to pursue and how they will be financed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2016 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 |
| Shannon Everman, Secretary | 419-925-5707 |
| Jean Bender, Treasurer | 419-925-4254 |
| Elaine Pierron | 419-925-5704 |
| Coordinator: Jim Keller | 419-925-4764 |

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 419-733-3057 |



Marion Community Development Organization
Box 65
Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065

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*