



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

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$132,823.26

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$96,104.70	Recreation Fund	\$23,057.04
CD's	\$15,477.75	General Fund - MCDO	\$26,956.49
Pass Book	\$21,240.81	Marion Soccer	\$7,020.83
Total Assets	\$132,823.26	Girls' Softball	\$8,686.18
		ML FFA	\$15,415.53
		Boys Baseball	\$8,340.28
		AS Promo	\$3,817.87
		AG Solutions	\$1,716.30
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$23,718.59
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
		ML Bowling	\$300.30
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$8,793.85
		Total Assets	\$132,823.26

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 13: Kevin & Angie Otte	December 27: Paul & Mary Gagel
December 20: Allen & Teri Spoltman	January 3: Joe & Karen Thobe
	January 10: Brian Kremer

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

\$50 – Jon & Patti Thobe	\$30 – Jon & Juli Berning
\$25 – Ted & Janet Heitkamp	\$25 – Phil & Janie Luebke

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

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

It is time for the **MCDO 2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!** All annual memberships are due in January 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 Burkettsville Shelter House on January 30, 2016 from 8:00AM – 12:00PM and at the St Henry American Legion on February 10, 2016 from 12:30PM – 6:30PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Cool Tips for Cold Temperatures

- If you plan to be outside for a while, let someone know.
- Excess perspiration will increase heat loss. Remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks.
- Don't use cold weather as an excuse not to exercise-but dress appropriately and wear sunscreen (or move your workout inside).
- When shoveling snow, take frequent breaks and stay hydrated. Avoid overexertion.

What Should I do if I get Stranded in Cold Weather?

- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna as a signal to rescuers.
- Move anything you need from the trunk into the passenger area.
- Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets, or newspapers.
- Stay awake. You will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems.
- Run the motor and heater for about 10 minutes per hour. Make sure that snow is not blocking the exhaust pipe.
- As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve your circulation and stay warmer.
- Do not eat snow because it will lower your body temperature.

With planning and a bit of caution, you'll make it to the spring thaw, safe and sound!

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Marion Local Ag./FFA Boosters presents:

Keeping Your Farm in the Family: Planning for a Successful Transition

Presenter: David Marrison, OSU Professor and OSU Extension Educator

January 20th, 2016
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Maria Stein
American Legion
Admission: FREE

Topics Include:

- Family Relationships
- Keeping youth interested in the family farm
- Transferring to the next generation
- Succession plan
- Sharing responsibilities
- Pitfalls to avoid
- Teaching management skills

For more information, call 567-644-3226

The Ag Ed Boosters will conduct a brief monthly meeting on January 20th at 7pm prior to the Family Farm Transition presentation. All are invited to come, join the boosters and of course stay to hear David Marrison speak.

Mercer County commissioner Greg Homan is leading an effort to fund a full-time research 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 of this position.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chapel Hill Preschool recently submitted a survey to the parents for feedback of the program's operations. The survey is due back to Chapel Hill Preschool on January 15, 2016. If anyone outside of the current parents are interested in submitting feedback on the survey, please contact Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com.

The MCDO Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th, 2016 at the Maria Stein American Legion. The speaker and the award winner are being finalized – more information to follow. Please mark your calendars for the event!

NEW BUSINESS:

Shannon Everman presented the 2016 MCDO Annual Budget. Jean Bender moved to approve the 2016 Budget. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Recently, the MCDO received notification that the current accounting firm utilized for tax services has combined with another firm that is located outside of the local community. The MCDO Board has made the decision to re-evaluate the accounting services provided and consider changing the tax services to another firm. Shannon Everman will be contacting these firms within the local area. Bob Dippold moved to approve the evaluation of accounting firms. Bob Unrast 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 – No new report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

Jim Keller, President	419-925-4764
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Elaine Pierron	419-925-5704
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Committee Chairpersons

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



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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***