



President, Jim Keller called the March meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on March 8, 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. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$157,719.70

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$116,835.80
CD's	\$15,501.09
Savings	<u>\$25,382.81</u>
Total Assets	\$157,719.70

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$26,208.74
General Fund - MCDO	\$33,450.36
Marion Soccer	\$6,960.83
Girls' Softball	\$8,626.18
ML FFA	\$24,135.55
Boys Baseball	\$13,100.28
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$1,499.93
Ag Ed Boosters	\$26,085.81
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500.00
ML Bowling	\$140.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$9,193.85
Total Assets	<u>\$157,719.70</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

February 14:	Steve & Linda Moeller	February 28:	Dean & Jane Brunswick
February 21:	Rudy & Gail Wendel	March 6:	Bob & Martha Pohlman

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

\$50 – Larry Feltz	\$30 – Paul & Rosalee Holdheide
\$25 – Dan Heitkamp	\$25 – Walt Pohlmann

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. Bob Dippold will be mailing letters to various community families who have previously not been a member to encourage new membership. 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

March is National Workplace Eye Wellness Month. Many people spend several hours a week working on computers, here are a few answers to common questions dealing with eye health while at work.

- Can looking at computer screens damage my eyes?
 - No, it does not damage the eyes. Complaints of eye fatigue and discomfort are common among computer users, these symptoms are not caused by the computer screen itself.
- Can looking at the computer screen cause eyestrain?
 - Fatigue, dry eyes, bad lighting, or how you sit in front of the computer can cause eyestrain. Symptoms of eyestrain include sore or irritated eyes and difficulty focusing. You may also have symptoms of eyestrain if you need glasses.
- What can I do to prevent eyestrain?
 - Place your screen 20 to 26 inches away from your eyes and a little bit below eye level.
 - Use a document holder placed next to your computer screen. It should be close enough so you don't have to swing your head back and forth or constantly change your focus.
 - Change your lighting to lower glare and harsh reflections.
 - Get a chair that can be adjusted to the correct height for your computer station.
 - Choose screens that can tilt and swivel. A keyboard that you can adjust is also helpful.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

Bob Unrast provided updates on the housing development within the community. The large lot in the Marion Acres Development has been sold. Rapid Development purchased a piece of that lot in order to incorporate a retention pond which will service the Woodview Estates Subdivision located south of the Marion Acres Development. Woodview as previously mentioned in prior meeting minutes has 25 lots planned for the subdivision. Rapid advised Bob that there is extreme interest in these lots already. Finally, Bob has learned of another sub-development in the works within the community. This will be located near Rolfes Road and State Route 119. This is very exciting news for the Marion Community!

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

In honor of FFA Week, the Marion Local FFA hosted 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 were invited and it was an excellent turnout. Thank you to all those who attended the event!

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. High School Principal Tim Goodwin will address the gathering and Dale Minyo, Ohio Ag Net Broadcast Anchor will be the featured speaker. Additionally, a pie auction is held to help raise money for the chapter.

The County Commissioners have hired Theresa Dirksen as the full time Agriculture Solutions Coordinator to work with agricultural producers in the county. Theresa currently holds the position of the District Engineer at the Mercer

County Soil & Water Conservation District. She will continue the mission of Ag Solutions in seeking effective solutions to the environmental issues impacting the lake. She will not be “officially” starting in her new capacity until March 27th, 2016. The MCDO and Jim Keller will be phasing out of their involvement. Theresa and Jim will be meeting in the coming weeks to effectively transfer information. Theresa is an impressive individual, with the needed knowledge, experience, education (Professional Engineer) and passion for this job. Please join the MCDO in wishing her all the best in her new assignment!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, March 21st, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

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. Tickets are available by contacting any Board Member, Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com or 419-925-5707, or can be picked up at the Osgood and St. Henry Banks. RSVP’s are required by Friday, April 1st, 2016. Please mark your calendars for the event!

NEW BUSINESS:

Nick Moeller attended the meeting to discuss interest in establishing a bike path from Chickasaw to and through parts of Maria Stein. There was discussion for potential grant money to help fund this project. The MCDO is planning to look into what options are available from the State.

Jim Keller is reviewing the potential for a natural gas line into the community. There was a feasibility study some years ago and the decision was made at that point that the need was not present. However, with the expansion of the Industrial Park along with the housing developments, it is now a more appropriate time to revisit this potential.

The MCDO received donations from the Villages of Chickasaw and Osgood. Chickasaw requested that the donation be applied to the parks. The Board agreed that the MCDO will honor the request and a transfer of these funds will go to the 301 Club, which supports all of the local parks. The MCDO thanks the local villages for their support.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering attended the Chickasaw meeting on February 10th to discuss the water project. Chickasaw has signed an agreement with Access Engineering to continue studying 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 – No new report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Don Rosenbeck. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 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
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Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
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Infrastructure:	Open
Land Use:	Open
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation:	Cory Albers 419-733-3057



Marion Community Development Organization
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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***