



President, Jim Keller called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 10, 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. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$136,118.69

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$108,030.06	Recreation Fund	\$12,590.74
CD's	\$15,523.82	General Fund - MCDO	\$33,825.97
Savings	<u>\$12,564.81</u>	Marion Soccer	\$8,460.83
Total Assets	\$136,118.69	Girls' Softball	\$8,882.43
		ML FFA	\$16,349.61
		Boys Baseball	\$13,631.28
		AS Promo	\$3,817.87
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$24,725.81
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500.00
		ML Bowling	\$140.30
		Marion Industrial Park Association	<u>\$9,193.85</u>
		Total Assets	\$136,118.69

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 17:	Todd & Amy Grieshop	April 24:	Jerry & Chris Schulte
May 1:	Mike & Kim Habodasz	May 8:	Adam & Jodi Kremer

The 301 Club has recently made several generous donations to the Chickasaw, Marion, and Osgood Parks as well as the Legion diamonds and various youth sports organizations.

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

\$50 – Don Eyink	\$30 – Vernon Huber
\$25 – Elaine Evers	\$25 – Greg Homan

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

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

If you are not the active type, are older or have physical limitations, you can still add healthy movement to your life. For example, The National Institutes for health describe yoga as centuries-old mind body practices. They involve specific postures and movements combined with mental focus, breathing techniques, and meditation or relaxation. Even walking can be done mindfully as a form of meditation. Some research studies have suggested that practicing these mindful movements may help:

- Manage stress, depression and insomnia
- Lower blood pressure
- Improve balance and stability
- Relieve chronic pain
- Improve quality of life and mood in people with heart disease, cancer and other chronic illnesses
- Motivate you to exercise more and eat healthier

A recent study concluded that yoga may improve heart health, including body mass index, blood pressure, cholesterol, and heart rate. But, it's clear that yoga is becoming more popular. In the last 10 years the number of Americans practicing yoga has nearly doubled. It's now practiced by more than 21 million adults and more than 1.5 million children. Look for classes in your community for instructional videos, books, and websites to get started.

Whatever way you choose to get active, your health will benefit. And, you may find yourself feeling happier and more relaxed too.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

Bob Unrast provided an additional update on the housing development within the community. We would like to provide a correction to an error from last month's meeting minutes. *The Chickasaw Development Company Survey under Tess Mescher has established a four-lot development East of Bill Minton's new home. All four of the lots have been spoken for. This is very exciting news for the Marion Community!*

Additionally, Bob provided an update on the Marion Acres Development. RSC has recently sold two additional lots to Bruns Construction (Stan Bruns). The MCDO appreciates the collaboration of RSC with the Marion Community!

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Marion Local FFA Chapter attended the Ohio State FFA Convention last week on May 5th and 6th. The group toured Heritage Cooperative in Marysville on Thursday and took a tour of the Ohio State Entomology Lab on Friday, where they learned about bugs. They were even able to hold millipedes, cockroaches and stick bugs. At the convention, they listened to two keynote speakers, Dave Roever, and James Loflin. Both speakers provided great messages. Marion Local FFA Member Rachel Reichert also received her State FFA degree, a high honor (see pictures below)!



The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th, 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! Klosterman Concrete & Construction and Prenger's Inc. are complete and operational and several other businesses are in progress. We look forward to the continuing progress of this area and will provide updates as they are completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Marion Local Athletic Department recently sent sponsorship requests for the 2016-2017 Athletic Programs. Bob Unrast moved to approve sponsorship similar to prior year with some updates to the layout. Bob Dippold seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

The MCDO has a current CD that will mature on May 17th, 2016. Elaine Wolters moved to approve an 18 month renewal of the CD. Jean Bender seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – Recently, the US Department of Agriculture awarded \$200,000 to Midwest Electric Cooperative to install water lines through the Marion Industrial Park and assist in the Chickasaw Water Project.

Chickasaw Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419- 925-5810.

Osgood – Paul Albers, Osgood Village Clerk, has retired from his position. The MCDO thanks Paul for his years of service to the community!

Osgood Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.

Marion Township – This year's paving project will be on Kremer Road between 119 and Huwer Road. Additional roads will have minor chipping repairs.

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 are continuing discussions and planning of the school and program expansion projects.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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