



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

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$129,848	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$104,286			Recreation Fund	\$11,490
CD's	\$15,582			General Fund – MCDO	\$29,915
Savings	<u>\$9,980</u>			Marion Soccer	\$9,475
Total Assets	\$129,848			Girls' Softball	\$12,148
				ML FFA	\$13,408
				Boys Baseball	\$12,886
				AS Promo	\$3,818
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,890
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
				ML Bowling	\$140
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$1,178
				Total Assets	\$129,848

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| October 16: Bob & Betty Poeppleman | October 23: Larry & Lynne Reichert |
| October 30: Scott & Marlene Livingston | November 6: Jeff & Laura Pohl |

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

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

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| \$50 – Nick Meier | \$25 – Paul Gagel |
| \$30 – Dave Albers | \$25 – Headquarters Salon |

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

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Maria Stein American Legion on Monday, November 14 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM and at the St Henry American Legion on Wednesday, November 16 from 12:30PM to 6:30PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or you can also schedule an appointment online at redcrossblood.org.

It's Flu Season: Get Your Flu Vaccine Now

It's that time of year when influenza starts to spread and the Centers for Disease Control, (CDC) reports people should get their flu vaccine now. It takes about two weeks for the flu vaccine protection to set in, so now is the perfect time to get vaccinated. According to the CDC, flu causes millions of illnesses and hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations every year. Everyone six months of age and older should get a yearly vaccine to protect against getting sick.

Flu vaccine is available now in many locations such as your doctor's office, pharmacies, and health departments. Call the Mercer County Health department at 419-586-3251 for more information on vaccine administration availability. Your vaccine will protect you throughout the 2016-2017 flu season.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

There were ten Marion Local FFA Students who attended the FFA National Convention on October 19th – 22nd, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN. The convention provided students with keynote speakers such as Diana Nyad and Jason Brown and the students were able to attend a Cole Swindell concert. The students toured various agri-businesses including Maria Stein Grain and Elanco. Four exemplary FFA Members received their American FFA Degrees - Adam Kremer, Lexi Wilker, Evan Fleck, and Tegan Fortkamp. The National FFA Convention draws students from all 50 states and Puerto Rico, which makes for a diverse and educational experience.

Ag Solutions held a meeting on Tuesday, November 1st, 2016. Chris Maloney with Digested Organics, LLC presented information on their technology for treating manure. The technology is titled Nutrient Concentration & Water Reclamation System (NCWR). The complete NCWR utilizes a five-step process to treat and purify; Pre-treatment, Ultrafiltration, Reverse Osmosis, Ion-Exchange, and Polishing & Disinfection.

Additionally, Theresa presented information on an Insta-Gro Product Trial. This "bucket" trial included swine and dairy manure and encompassed about a three-month period. Insta-Gro would like to complete a full pit or hold pond application. Insta-Gro will fund the product and Ag Solutions has grant-funding available to cover the testing. If interested in this treatment, please contact Theresa Dirksen.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Safe Routes to School Program is progressing in a timely manner. Marion Local Schools recently asked parents to complete a survey about student travel to and from school in order to update the Travel Plan for the grant. The deadline for the survey was November 4th, 2016. Members from the Marion Community, Local Public Safety, School Administration, and Health Education were selected to be representatives for the SRTS Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prenger’s Inc. held a successful Open House on November 2nd, 2016. Attendees experienced a robotic milking demo, enjoyed a wonderful lunch, and several received a very nice doorprize!

Daycare Discoveries hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 27th, 2016. After many challenges delaying the initial opening, the daycare is now in full operation!

Linda Bergman and Tina Thobe have launched a “Woods Chapel” Campaign. These ladies are looking for financial assistance to repair the chapel. Any donations for the project can be sent to MCDO – Woods Chapel, PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860.

The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics has a free iTunes app available in the iTunes Store called “eShrine”. “eShrine” provides Biographies on Relics and Saints, Feast Days of Saints, a Relic Locator, and a Search function.

Be sure to visit the Marion Community Development Organization Facebook page for timely updates on what’s happening in the Marion Communities.

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 7:55 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, *December 13th, 2016* at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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