



President, Jim Keller called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 11, 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. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<b>CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$133,764</b>	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$108,210			Recreation Fund	\$11,990
CD's	\$15,574			General Fund – MCDO	\$30,666
Savings	<u>\$9,980</u>			Marion Soccer	\$11,462
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$133,764</b>			Girls' Softball	\$12,148
				ML FFA	\$13,680
				Boys Baseball	\$12,886
				AS Promo	\$3,818
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,436
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
				ML Bowling	\$140
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$1,038
				<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$133,764</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

September 18: Jared & Caroline Ranly	October 2: Randy & Ithaca Moeller
September 25: Tim & Dawn Goodwin	October 9: Ty & Tara Grieshop

**MARION TOWNSHIP PARK**

*Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings*

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

- \$50 – Pam Stucke
- \$30 – Jim Keller
- \$25 – Bob Unrast

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](mailto: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*

### **Local Kiwanis Clubs and Mercer Health to hold 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Kids Day for all county children**

Mercer Health, in cooperation with the Coldwater and Celina Kiwanis, will be conducting their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Coldwater High School Auditoria, from 10:00A.M. until 12:30P.M. A wide variety of screenings, developmental assessments and activities have been planned. Everything is free and open to the public. Door prizes will be handed out throughout the entire event. Those wanting more information should call 419-678-5613.

### **Fall Lab Fest to be held on Saturday, October 29**

Mercer Health's Fall Lab Fest will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 7 to 10a.m. at Mercer County Community Hospital. The Fall Lab Fest offers a variety of blood tests conveniently and at economical prices. Some of the tests offered include: comprehensive metabolic health panel, thyroid screening and hemoglobin A1C diabetes screening. In addition to lab tests, flu shots will be offered and free colorectal cancer test kits will be available.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The Ag Ed class has recently installed new dissection tables in the classrooms for an enhanced learning experience. These tables were made possible because of the support from Marion Local Schools. It is great to see the cooperation between organizations! At the September meeting booster meeting, Matt Elsass reported on a very successful trip he made to a summer learning session in Texas. The FFA students coordinated the petting zoo at the recent Heritage Day held at the Maria Stein Shrine. Their involvement results from the theme "Living to Serve" which they learned at the National Convention. Our ML students are truly "serving" our community in many ways.

Ag Solutions will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Township building in the Marion Industrial Park. Chris Maloney with Digested Organics, LLC will be presenting information on their technology for treating manure. They will also discuss funding possibilities and gauge interest in the technology. Please try to attend this important meeting.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Daycare Discoveries opened its doors the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The MCDO would like to extend an "official welcome" to the Industrial Park!

Prengers, Inc. is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. There will be a Lely Robotics Demonstration, Suppliers Reps onsite, Specials, and much more!

Ted Bertke presented an overview of the Commercial General Liability and Directors & Officers policies' coverage and requirements. The Board members are reviewing the policies and a decision on coverage will be voted on at the November MCDO meeting.

The sidewalk edging maintenance project along State Route 119 has been shifted to Spring 2017. The MCDO will seek volunteers for the project and more details will follow closer to the start of the project.

Jim Keller and Shannon Everman along with Mike Pohlman participated in a conference call with David Shipps of Transystems and Stephanie Tresso of Murphy Epsom. These individuals/consultants have been appointed to assist with the School Travel Plan for the Safe Routes to School grant application. We have been approved for a grant to cover the costs of the consultants' time. Marion Local Schools will be sending out a survey to parents regarding the walking and biking routes to the school. More information on the survey will be coming in the near future. Additionally, the MCDO will be providing information for the travel plan with selected representatives from various facets of the Marion Community.

The MCDO is continuing to review options for the "The Marion Community Welcomes You" signs located at the entrances of the community. The MCDO would like to keep a fresh, welcoming impression upon entering the Marion Community!

### NEW BUSINESS:

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics announced that it will hand over the property and buildings to a nonprofit organization. The Sisters of the Precious Blood have operated and owned the facility for 170 years! The Legacy Fund of Maria Stein was established to provide income for the operation and maintenance of the Shrine. It is estimated that \$6 million is needed to ensure the Shrine's survival. The first \$2 million has been donated by the Sisters of the Precious Blood. An anonymous donor will match dollar-for-dollar an additional \$2 million. To date, the laity has donated approximately \$950,000, leaving about \$1.1 million left to secure the future of the Shrine.

### 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** – The Marion Local Schools recently obtained test results from the required State Spring testing. The district's scores were among the best in the State! We are very proud of the administrative and teaching staff at Marion Local Schools!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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