



MCDO

President, Jim Keller called the September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on September 13, 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. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$131,125**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$103,580
CD's	\$15,565
Savings	<u>\$11,980</u>
Total Assets	\$131,125

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$12,390
General Fund - MCDO	\$30,921
Marion Soccer	\$12,047
Girls' Softball	\$12,148
ML FFA	\$13,652
Boys Baseball	\$8,625
AS Promo	\$3,818
Ag Ed Boosters	\$24,726
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$140
Marion Industrial Park Association	<u>\$8,158</u>
Total Assets	\$131,125

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

August 14:	Dan & Kelly Koenig	September 4:	Scott & Betsy Huelsman
August 21:	Dave & Joan Moorman	September 11:	Todd & Carla Fleck
August 28:	Dale & Ag Goettemoeller		

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

\$50 – Paul & Rosalee Holdheide	\$30 – Herb & Linda Ranly
\$25 – Steve Knapke	\$25 – Ron & Viv Hartings

The Marion Township Park held their annual appreciation soup party on Sunday, August 28, 2016. The winners of the grand prize drawing were: \$200 – Dave Kleinhenz, \$100 – Steve Moeller, and \$50 – Ty Grieshop. 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 Knights of St John, Maria Stein on Monday, September 19 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM. Please call 1-800 733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month!

Prostate Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in U.S. men. However, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, if prostate cancer is diagnosed early, the five-year survival rate is nearly 100 percent.

In conjunction with Prostate Cancer Awareness month Mercer Health is offering free prostate screenings on Tuesday, September 27 from 8 – 11AM and Thursday, September 29 from 4:30 – 6:30PM at the Community Medical Center in Celina. The screenings will be conducted in cooperation with local urologists Dr. Amaran and Dr. Alanzi.

Men with a family history of prostate cancer are at a higher risk for developing the disease and should begin getting tested at age 35. For more information about the screening or to register please call 419-586-1220. A limited number of openings are available. Men with a family history of Prostate Cancer and those between the ages of 40 to 75 will be given priority.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters and Marion Local FFA have kicked off another school year with Matt Elsass entering his 2nd year as the Agricultural Education Instructor.

Theresa Dirksen is working with several companies, including Ohio Dairy Producers, to improve the water quality in the Grand Lake Watershed. She is focusing on pit treatment processes and other manure processing technology. To get “buy-in” she has been demonstrating these practices on various area farms. She is also encouraging farmers to utilize “old technology” such as manure composting which reduces volume by taking water out of the manure allowing that manure to be more transportable. Her goal is to have a wider adoption of these practices in the watershed.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

Construction is moving along on Brick Haus Salon & Spa and Jackie Huelsman Arling is now starting to recruit employees for its opening in winter 2016. Daycare Discoveries is scheduled to open in October. We look forward to the continuing progress in the Park and will provide updates as they unfold.

The MCDO finalized the transfer of the land they owned at the Marion Township Park to the Township Trustees on September 13, 2016. The MCDO is continuing to work on liability coverage for the organizations supported by the MCDO and for Directors and Officers. Ted Bertke will be presenting an overview of the policies' coverage and requirements at the October MCDO meeting.

Jim Keller and Shannon Everman met with Mike Pohlman and Lynn Will on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016 to discuss restarting the Safe Routes to School project. Neither organization can complete an updated School Travel Plan (STP) or future grant applications without the other's support. Members will listen to a webinar on this topic specifically geared toward rural areas on Tuesday, September 20th, 2016. Additionally, Jim Keller has been having discussions with Mary Hoy from the Ohio Department of Transportation in Sidney. Mary assures the MCDO that there is assistance available to us for completing the very-detailed STP required as part of this application process.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chapel Hill Preschool recently submitted a grant application to the Mercer County Civic Foundation. This application was due September 15th, 2016 and funds are available to charitable organizations within Mercer County. The goal of the submittal is to hopefully obtain these funds to replace much-needed items that have been part of the preschool since its inception over 20 years ago.

There was discussion surrounding the sidewalk maintenance along State Route 119. The grass is growing over the sidewalks in many areas and is considered to be a bit unsafe for walkers and bicycles moving along these areas. The MCDO is considering seeking a group of volunteers to clean this up. More information to follow!

The MCDO is reviewing the options for the “The Marion Community Welcomes You” signs located at the entrances of the community. These are faded and not holding up well in the weather elements. The MCDO would like to keep a fresh, welcoming impression upon entering the Marion Community!

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 – The paving along Kremer Road is now scheduled to being the week of September 19th.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

Carthage – Mercer County Commissioners are reviewing the possibility of creating a central sewer system in Carthage for the 88 homes using septic tanks. They are also reviewing the feasibility of including St. Rose and Cassella as part of the project. This initiative is part of the Grand Lake Watershed cleanup.

Marion Local Schools – The Marion Local Schools is very busy with the facilities projects. Many students have enrolled in college credit courses and there has been a significant increase over the prior year enrollment. Many kudos to these students and the teachers for furthering the education experience!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., with a motion from Elaine Wolters and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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