



President, Jim Keller called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on December 12th, 2017, 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 \$175,905

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$139,869
CD's	\$15,718
Savings	<u>\$20,318</u>
Total Assets	\$175,905

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$22,705
General Fund – MCDO	\$29,714
Marion Soccer	\$12,024
Girls' Softball	\$12,865
ML FFA	\$16,355
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
Boys Baseball	\$14,723
Ag Ed Boosters	\$29,870
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,000
ML Bowling	\$188
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,021
Woods Chapel	\$4,259
Multi-Use Path	<u>\$122</u>
Total Assets	\$175,905

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Mich Thobe

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

November 19:	Dale & Karen Poeppelman	December 3:	Tim & Ann Pohlman
November 26:	Scott & Linda Tangeman	December 10:	Penny Bishel

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

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

December

- \$50 – Elaine Evers
- \$30 – Glenn & Jo Schwieterman
- \$25 – Headquarters
- \$25 – Randy & Joan Heitkamp

Please follow Marion Township Park on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. You can also contact us through email: mariontwppk@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all who have supported the MCDO with memberships in 2017! Memberships for 2018 will be due in January. Membership forms are included in the minutes. 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.

HEALTH & SAFETY EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be at the Maria Stein American Legion on Monday, January 8 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please consider donating to help save a life. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Mercer Health offers a variety of free and low cost health screenings at a variety of locations throughout Mercer County. During the month of January, Mercer Health will offer free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings. The Neighborhood Nurse will be at the Chickasaw Library on January 4 from 1:00PM – 3:00PM to perform these screenings. Please call 419-678-5216 for more information.

To kick off the New Year, Mercer Health Weight Management Center is offering a 9- week interactive lifestyle program called, Rev It Up. This program, which is led by a registered dietitian, covers topics such as behavior modification, hunger, and fullness signals, fluid needs, meal timing, aerobic exercise, and more. The 9-week session begins January 10 and runs through March 7.

Pre-registration is required. There is a fee for this program and space is limited. For more information, please call 419-678-8446.

HOUSING

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has six building lots available. The lots are between .381 and .711 acres starting at \$28,500 and include village water and sewage. Contact Tess Mescher for more information at 419-305-0106.

The Lochtefeld Addition in Chapel Hill still has lots available for sale. For more information, call 419-678-4384.

The Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Heitkamp Developers has four additional lots in Marion Acres for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

At this time, the developer has made the decision to forgo the housing development at the corner of Rolfes Road and State Route 119.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, December 18th, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Bike Trail Project. The Committee has decided to create a Community Survey. The MCDO's last survey was in 2002. The survey will have questions geared toward each of the MCDO's committees. More information will be shared, as it is available. As a reminder, Pac-Man's Party in the Park is set for September 30th, 2018 at the Marion Township Park. Brad Knapke is celebrating 25 years in business in 2018 and is very thankful to the Marion community for its support.

The 716 Sidewalk Project is continuing to develop. The MCDO put together a Permit Application, Resolution, and Letter of Approval all signed by the Marion Township Trustees to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The next phase of the project is to submit the final drawings to ODOT. The MCDO sincerely thanks the 716 residents for their cooperation. Also kudos to Jenny Jones and Rick Moeller, SR 716 residents, who have worked diligently to facilitate this project.

The Industrial Park will see a delay in construction progress as the winter months approach. Once the weather breaks again closer to Spring, the construction will continue in full force.

NEW BUSINESS:

On Friday, December 8th, 2017, the Sisters of the Precious Blood gathered in the Adoration Chapel of the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics to officially sign the transfer of land deed to the laity. Additionally, a donor in South Carolina approached the Shrine to donate a bronze statue of Jesus. The statue will be 6 foot tall and displayed in the Statue Garden. Finally, the Shrine was contacted to potentially host a special exhibit of the Portraits of Saints. More information to follow once the final decision on the details are complete.

Recently, an individual contacted the MCDO for information on available office space for rent in the Marion Community. Please contact Shannon Everman if you have any openings or availability by contacting admin@marioncommunities.com so that information can be shared appropriately.

The MCDO has tentatively scheduled Sunday, April 15th, 2018 for the Annual Community Banquet. This year, there will be a Distinguished Developer Award and a Distinguished Student Award. Mark your calendars!

The MCDO and Board Members would like to wish all of its members a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – No new information to 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 information to report.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

Marion Local Schools – The Marion Local Schools passed a resolution authorizing officials to apply for consent to submit a bond issue for voter consideration of up to \$18 million for the new school facility. The bond issue could be on the ballot as soon as May 8th, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, *January 9th, 2018* at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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2018 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*