



President, Jim Keller called the January meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on January 10, 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. The 2017 Annual Budget was presented by Shannon Everman. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer's report and the 2017 Annual Budget. Jean Bender seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$148,183

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$114,347
CD's	\$15,604
Savings	<u>\$18,232</u>
Total Assets	\$148,183

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$18,942
General Fund – MCDO	\$27,604
Marion Soccer	\$9,466
Girls' Softball	\$12,148
ML FFA	\$14,251
Boys Baseball	\$12,886
AS Promo	\$3,818
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,620
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$225
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$4,215
Woods Chapel	\$9,508
Total Assets	\$148,183

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 18:	Kevin & Sandy Hartings	January 1:	Brian & Becky Evers
December 25:	Norm & Angie Leugers	January 8:	Mark & Jane Fleck

The 2016 301 Club Membership Drive is underway! The 301 Club Annual Member Appreciation Party is scheduled for Friday, January 20th, 2017 after the Varsity Marion Local Boys Basketball game against Parkway at the American Legion. **Your support is greatly appreciated!**

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

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

December	\$50 – Roy & Angie Mescher	January	\$50 – Ron & Ann Puthoff
	\$30 – Kevin & Carol Stucke		\$30 – Ken & Karen Broering
	\$25 – Bill Winner		\$25 – Brownie & Shirley Thobe
	\$25 – Tom Mescher		\$25 – Dorothy Pohlman

Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2017 Membership Drive is underway! Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. The membership form is included in this packet. 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 continued support!**

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be at the Coldwater American Legion on Monday, January 23, from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

On Monday February 13, at 2:00PM there will be a Diabetes Education Program at Mercer County Community Hospital.

Topics covered in the Program include:

- Testing your blood sugars
- Blood sugar goals
- Healthy eating, including how to eat your favorite foods while still keeping your blood sugars managed
- Physical activity and exercise
- Understanding your medications
- Preventing complications caused by high blood sugars
- Annual examinations to help you prevent the complications of diabetes
- Gestational Diabetes

Who should enroll in the Diabetes Education Program?

- People who have recently found out that they have diabetes.
- People who have had diabetes for several years but have been unable to keep their blood sugars below 150 most of the time.
- People whose A1C is greater than 7.0%.
- People who have changed from taking pills to taking insulin.
- Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes.

How do I get enrolled in the Diabetes Education Program?

In order to become enrolled in the program you need to have a physician referral. This referral can be obtained by contacting your doctor's office or the staff at the Diabetes Center can contact your doctor for you. All sessions are taught by educators Certified in Diabetes Education. For more information about the Diabetes Education Program please call 419-586-9657, or visit Diabetes Center on the Mercer Health web site.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters are hosting “When to Expand One’s Agricultural Operation” with Guest Speaker, Chris Bruynis on Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at the Maria Stein American Legion. Chris Bruynis is a farm business expert at the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University. He is also the Agriculture and Natural Resource Director in Ross County, Ohio.

The next Ag Solutions meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Township Hall. Kerry Doyle with Trident Processes, LLC will be giving a presentation on their manure separation technology, which is the technology used at the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm in Indiana. They will also be discussing the results of the Digested Organics pilot project held at the Brad Schwieterman Farm. Jeff Keller with Mercer SWCD will be presenting some information on projects that will be included in the 9-element watershed plans for Beaver and Chickasaw Creeks. The plans will be helpful tools for future funding, and your input is essential!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The Safe Routes to School Program Consultants met with School Administration and MCDO Representatives and then at the regularly scheduled School Board meeting on Monday, January 9th, 2017. The program reviews all transportation methods to and from school, including bussing, biking, walking, and student drop-off/pick-up. Barriers for safe travel within 2 miles of the school are considered and recommended improvements to these barriers are part of the application process for grant funding. Some of these recommendations include additional ladder-style crosswalks with reflective paint at various locations, sidewalk placement on the East side of State Route 716, and various educational activities to encourage student awareness and safety.

The Woods Chapel Campaign has received an overwhelming response from donors in the Marion Community and surrounding area. The construction and renovations are in progress. Anyone who wishes to donate to the chapel repairs can send the donation to MCDO – Woods Chapel, PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860. We greatly appreciate your support – stop by the Chapel to see the renovations!

At the December meeting, Greg Homan, Mercer County Commissioner attended to suggest a new program for the Marion Community and Marion Local Students. The program is designed to recognize those students who work and are the “doers” throughout high school and may not have the opportunity to be recognized through other avenues such as Sports, FFA, Band, National Honor Society, etc. The MCDO is collaborating with Marion Local Schools to create the requirements needed for students to achieve this award and a recipient(s) will be recognized at the Annual MCDO Spring Banquet starting in the 2017-2018 School Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual MCDO Awards Banquet has been scheduled for Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 at the Maria Stein American Legion. Please mark your calendars – more information to follow!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The EPA has determined that the water being discharged from Chickasaw’s sanitary lagoon system does not meet clean water standards. The village is seeking affordable solutions.

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 – Marion Local Schools moved to approve a pre-bond service with Garmann-Miller Architects for the Facilities Improvement Project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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2017 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***