



President, Jim Keller called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 13th, 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 Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Don Rosenbeck seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$145,372

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$117,685
CD's	\$15,656
Savings	<u>\$12,031</u>
Total Assets	\$145,372

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$13,197
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,265
Marion Soccer	\$9,906
Girls' Softball	\$10,364
ML FFA	\$17,601
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$8,578
Boys Baseball	\$9,903
AS Promo	\$0
Ag Ed Boosters	\$26,099
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$48
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,984
Woods Chapel	\$6,927
Total Assets	\$145,372

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 14:	Gary & Carol Hartings	June 4:	Chad & Beth Otte
May 21:	Sam & Sandy Hartke	June 11:	Jason & Abby Bruns
May 28:	Steve & Linda Moeller		

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

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

\$50 – Ron & Ann Puthoff	\$25 – Chad Prenger
\$30 – PJ & Carla Thobe	\$25 – Romee Schaefer

Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all who have supported and continued to support the MCDO with memberships in 2017! The MCDO has surpassed all other years in memberships! 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

Childproofing Your Home: An Ounce of Prevention Worth a Pound of Cure

More than a third of child injuries happen at home. Household injuries are among the top reasons kids younger than 3 end up in the emergency room. Young kids have the highest risk of being injured at home because that is where they spend most of their time.

Learn the High-risk Zones

According to the CDC, most incidents occur where there is:

- Water: in the bathroom, kitchen,, swimming pools or hot tubs
- Heat or flame: in the kitchen, in the fireplace or at a barbecue grill
- Toxic substance: under the kitchen sink, in the medicine cabinet, in the garage, or garden shed, in a purse or other place where medications are stored.
- Potential for a fall: on stairs, slippery floors, from high windows or from tipping furniture
- Potential for choking: from small items such as coins, “button lithium batteries”, hot &/or sharp items

Be Prepared

- Watch kids at all times
- Learn first-aid, CPR and the Heimlich maneuver
- Keep important phone numbers in an easy-to-find location. Important phone numbers include parents’ work, neighbors and relatives
- Talk about the best place or places to take cover in the event of a tornado, wind storm or natural disaster
- Practice your fire escape plan and practice different ways out of your home

Home is the place you relax, play and spend time with your family. By keeping a safe home environment, you are keeping your home, Home Sweet Home.

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, visit <https://randyvers.com/category/lotsfarms/> or call 419-678-4384

The Woodview Estates subdivision is continuing to progress! Rapid Development has completed the asphalt on the streets and the next step is the electric. After that project is completed, then new housing construction can begin. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Heitkamp Developers recently acquired four additional lots in Marion Acres. These lots are available for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The next Ag Solutions meeting is scheduled for July 10th, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Marion Township Building. There will be a very informative presentation from Dr. Stephen Jacquemin from Wright State University-Lake Campus on the nutrient trends in Chickasaw Creek. This will be the last meeting until late 2017 as Theresa Dirksen will be on maternity leave.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO will continue to work through the proposal with Safe Routes to School (SRTS). In March we applied for some funding for educational and promotional aspects of the program. We should know shortly if we've been awarded any money.

Nick Moeller presented more information on the Marion Community Bike Trail Proposal project. The committee has discussed their plan and reviewed possible sponsorship interest with the Mercer County Commissioners. There is a possibility that this project could dovetail with the SRTS project. There is a meeting set for Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Moeller Brew Barn. If interested in being a part of the committee for the project, feel free to attend the meeting on June 27th. More information to follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

In late 2016, the MCDO discussed a potential student award to be presented at the annual banquet, similar to that of the Distinguished Developer Award that has been presented for years. The first annual Distinguished Student Award will be presented at the 2018 Spring Banquet. Shannon Everman met with Jenny Dippold, Guidance Counselor and Matt Elsass, Work Release Coordinator at Marion Local Schools to create and finalize criteria for students to be selected for this award. The award is designed to recognize hard-working students in the Marion Local Schools that may not otherwise receive an opportunity for recognition, i.e. sports or academics. The MCDO is excited for the inaugural presentation!

Dr. Greg Homan recently surveyed High School Graduating Seniors in St. Henry, Coldwater, Celina, and Marion Local about the area in which they live. Categories included a Safe Place to Live, Good Place to Raise a Family, High Quality Schools, Likelihood Area Will Have a Good Job, etc. Marion Local Students that were surveyed responded higher overall than the students in the other area schools. It is reassuring to have such a positive response from the new generation of adults in the Marion Community!

Jim Keller attended a Solid Waste Management District meeting held on Tuesday, June 13th. Fees from dumping waste at the Mercer County landfill along SR127 have long funded the Mercer County Solid Waste Management District. The landfill will close in 2018 so the county is seeking new ways to fund the important work of the Solid Waste department. We'll keep you updated.

The MCDO was recently contacted by The Daily Standard. They are seeking to write about a "new" business and were inquiring as to whether we have any new businesses in our community. Since we have several, we will be sending them a list.

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 Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

Marion Local Schools – The Marion Local Schools will likely renew a levy to be voted on by local residents at the November 7th general election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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