



President, Jim Keller called the March meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on March 14, 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. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$163,836	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$129,732			Recreation Fund	\$20,795
CD's	\$15,626			General Fund – MCDO	\$33,551
Savings	\$18,478			Marion Soccer	\$9,406
Total Assets	\$163,836			Girls' Softball	\$15,898
				ML FFA	\$22,771
				Boys Baseball	\$10,776
				AS Promo	\$3,818
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,252
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
				ML Bowling	\$48
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,195
				Woods Chapel	\$8,826
				Total Assets	\$163,836

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

February 12: Jay & Karen Homan	March 5: Norm & Angie Leugers
February 19: Bill & Janice Nagel	March 12: Gary & Beth Fortkamp
February 26: Willie & Bertie Bruns	

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

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

February	March
Maria Schmitz - \$50	Kurt & Amy Goettemoeller - \$50
Martha Heitkamp - \$30	Randy & Deb Homan - \$30
Dale & Beth Barga - \$25	Greg & Stacie Homan - \$25
Kurt Dippold - \$25	Tony Prenger - \$25

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. Bob Dippold has been sending letter requests for memberships and working diligently to contact Marion Community members. 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

Understanding Food Allergies

People who have serious reactions to certain foods must be careful about what they eat, and what others eat around them. There's no cure for food allergies. But researchers are learning more about how to prevent and treat this condition.

Allergic reactions happen when your immune system overacts to something that's normally harmless. In the United States, most food allergies are caused by peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, eggs, milk, wheat and soy. Allergies show up most often in children. But they can develop at any age.

Food allergy symptom can range from mild to severe. Some people experience a life-threatening reaction called anaphylaxis. Symptoms may include trouble breathing, dizziness, and fainting. When you have a food allergy, there's no way to predict how your body will react when exposed to a certain food. You might have a mild reaction one time and a severe reaction the next.

If you think that you or your child may have a food allergy, see your doctor. If a diagnosis of food allergy seems likely, your provider may recommend a blood test or skin prick test. These results will help determine if you or your child has a food allergy.

Again, there's no cure for food allergies, but avoiding allergy-causing foods can help prevent symptoms. Read food labels carefully. Wash your hands and surfaces you touch to prevent accidental contact.

Talk with your health care provider to learn more about food allergies and potential treatment of symptoms.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters recently purchased microscopes and cameras for the Ag Science Program. Matt Elsass and the Ag Ed Students have been using the new equipment, along with the dissecting tables purchased last year, to enhance their learning process!

Marion Local FFA recently celebrated FFA Week. A breakfast was held on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017 at 7:30 am for community members. Five students earned State Degrees and two students earned American Degrees. The Marion Local FFA Program continues to very well represent the Marion Ag Community!

The next Ag Solutions meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Marion Township Building. Mr. Glen Arnold from the OSU Extension office will be presenting on Side Dressing with Manure. Theresa Dirksen will also provide updates.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th, 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 provided the final draft of the travel plan to the MCDO and School Administration. The MCDO applied for educational funding for the next school year as a result of the recommendations from the travel plan. The MCDO and School Administration will discuss further action from the travel plan to determine the feasibility of carrying out these recommendations.

The Annual MCDO Awards Banquet has been scheduled for Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 at 11:30am at the Maria Stein American Legion. The Guest Speaker is Warren Davidson, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Ohio's 8th District. The Distinguished Developer Awards will be presented to Ron Hartings and Paul Albers. Please RSVP by March 27th, 2017 to Jim Keller 419-925-4764 or Shannon Everman 419-925-5707 or admin@marioncommunities.com. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and includes lunch.

The Chapel Hill Advisory Board held a meeting on Monday, February 13th, 2017 to discuss 2017-2018 Enrollment, Tuition Rates, the Updated Schedule for 2016-2017, and the current financial status. After preparing projections for the 2017-2018 School Year, the decision was made to keep tuition rates the same and to increase registration fees from \$20 to \$25. Enrollment for new students began March 1st. The Tuesday/Thursday class is at capacity, but there are still a few openings for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday class. Please contact the Chapel Hill Preschool at 419-925-1102 if you are interested in enrolling.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO is reviewing an alternative approach to putting in a sidewalk on the East side of SR 716 along the new housing editions. There will be more information on this project as it becomes available.

Brick Haus Salon & Spa will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 25th, 2017 from 12pm – 2pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff, register for giveaways, and shop special pricing on services. All are welcome!

Welcome WG Dairy to the Marion Community! They are located at the previous Moeller Door Sales back shop building on the northwest corner of State Routes 119 and 127.

Moeller Door Sales held an Open House during the week of March 6th – 11th in their brand new facility at the southwest corner of State Routes 119 and 127. The new facility is very impressive! Congratulations to Moeller Door Sales!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The Chickasaw Board of Public Affairs has hired Roger Hartke to facilitate their sewage treatment plant.

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 – No new report.

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

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

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Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
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Committee Chairpersons

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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***