



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 12th, 2017, at 8:30 a.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. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$172,109

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$141,908
CD's	\$15,687
Savings	<u>\$14,514</u>
Total Assets	\$172,109

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$15,342
General Fund – MCDO	\$31,608
Marion Soccer	\$14,466
Girls' Softball	\$12,750
ML FFA	\$15,676
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$28,435
Boys Baseball	\$16,089
Ag Ed Boosters	\$25,582
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$188
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,214
Woods Chapel	<u>\$4,259</u>
Total Assets	\$172,109

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

July 16:	Don & Mary Eyink	August 13:	Terry & Lisa Moeller
July 23:	Randy & Joan Heitkamp	August 20:	Jim & Angie Wynn
July 30:	Tom & Dawn Goodwin	August 27:	Aaron & Kendra Rose
August 6:	Jimmy & Carla Kramer	September 3:	Dan Platfoot
		September 10:	Kirk & Stacy Stucke

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

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

July:	August:	September:
BJ & Susie Everman - \$50	Kent & Karen Shaner - \$50	Ken & Karen Broering - \$50
Roy & Angie Mescher - \$30	Gary Fortkamp - \$30	Neal & Kathy Homan - \$30
Herb & Linda Pleiman Ranly - \$25	John & Linda Fleck - \$25	John & Juli Berning - \$25
Dennis Mescher - \$25	Elsie Balster - \$25	Margie & Nick Meier - \$25

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

Thank you to all who recently donated blood to The American Red Cross. Your donation is much appreciated, especially due to the recent hurricanes, the need for blood and blood products is extremely high. Your donation is making a difference!

September is Sepsis Awareness Month

What is sepsis? Sepsis is the body's overwhelming response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, amputations, and death.

Who it affects: While sepsis is more likely to affect very young children, older adults, people with chronic diseases, and those with a weakened immune system, sepsis is an equal-opportunity killer impacting people of all ages and levels of health.

Symptoms: Symptoms of sepsis include:

S – Shivering, fever or feel very cold

E – Extreme pain or general discomfort

P – Pale or discolored skin

S – Sleepy, difficult to arouse or confusion

I – “ I feel like I might die”

S – Shortness of breath

Treatment: Sepsis is a medical emergency that requires urgent attention and rapid treatment for survival. Sepsis can be treated and lives are saved when treatment is not delayed. If you suspect sepsis, see your medical professional immediately or go to a hospital emergency/urgent care to be evaluated.

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://randyevers.com/category/lotsfarms/> or call 419-678-4384.

The Woodview Estates subdivision has begun new housing construction! Several lots have already been sold and there are still 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.

The developer is working with Marion Township to finalize plans for lots by Rolfes Road and State Route 119. More information will be shared as it is available.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters hosted the Ice Cream Stand at the Mercer County Fair. The Marion Local and St. Henry FFA Programs co-coordinated the Pork Producers Stand at the Mercer County Fair. Both organizations had a successful Fair Week - Thank you for supporting these organizations!

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO met with Nick Wilker and Amanda DeMange for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project on Tuesday, July 25th, 2017. The meeting was to discuss the recently awarded \$5,000 Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure funding, which is to be used for promotional materials for SRTS educational activities. A budget narrative was required to be completed and returned by August 15th. Nick and Amanda completed the budget narrative and the MCDO turned over the responsibility and the funds to the Marion Local Schools since the school will be handling the majority of the project. Activities will be implemented throughout the 2017-2018 school year once the Ohio Department of Transportation approves the budget and activity listing submitted.

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Bike Trail Project. The Committee decided to setup a "Marion Communities Multi-Use Path" Fund. The financial accounting will be housed under the MCDO. The Committee will begin accepting donations to the Multi-Use Path. Any donations can be written to the "MCDO – Multi-Use Path" and sent to PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860.

Jim Keller hosted a 716 Sidewalk meeting with the residents involved to discuss options. Access Engineering was also present to provide infrastructure information. Additionally, the MCDO is obtaining quotes to determine the costs for each resident and feasibility of moving forward. More information will be provided as it is available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brad Knapke, Pac-Man Productions DJ, attended the meeting to discuss his 25th Anniversary in business coming in 2018. He has had great support from the community over the past 25 years and would like to give back his time in appreciation for this support. After much discussion on ideas for a particular venue, the group decided to have Nick Moeller and Brad Knapke provide a final listing that will be voted on at the October meeting. More information to follow!

Don Rosenbeck provided an update for the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. On Sunday, September 17th, 2017, the Shrine will be hosting Heritage Days from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Shrine.

Kristen Hemmelgarn from Maria Stein is participating in the Mercer County Leadership in Action program. She has reached out to the MCDO with an offer to assist with any community needs. After discussion, we agreed that Nick Moeller will contact her to determine if her offer might fit well with Bike Path Committee efforts.

The Exempt Organization Tax Form 990 was reviewed for the 2016 tax year. There were no adjustments required and the filing occurred within the required timeframe. Bob Unrast moved to approve the review and filing of the Form 990. Don Rosenbeck seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – The Water Project Committee has approved Access Engineering to apply for a \$500,000 loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission to assist in funding. Additionally, the Committee has decided that the water service will not extend to Maria Stein as previously reported.

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 tax levy will cause changes in resident's taxes based on the preliminary results of the property revaluations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building. Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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