



President, Jim Keller called the February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 6th, 2018, 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 \$173,860

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$136,756
CD's	\$15,736
Savings	<u>\$21,368</u>
Total Assets	\$173,860

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$22,795
General Fund – MCDO	\$33,630
Marion Soccer	\$12,024
Girls' Softball	\$10,895
ML FFA	\$14,637
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
Boys Baseball	\$14,426
Ag Ed Boosters	\$29,870
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,000
ML Bowling	\$473
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$4,170
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
Multi-Use Path	\$622
Total Assets	\$173,860

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Mitch Thobe

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

January 14:	Dan & Lisa Homan	January 28:	Tom & Sharon Gagel
January 21:	Deb & John Hoyt	February 4:	Jerry & Sharon Siegrist

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

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

January:

- Skip & Lori Homan - \$50
- Gene & Jeannie Bruns - \$30
- Dennis Mescher - \$25
- Dale Schwieterman - \$25

February:

- Nate Ranly - \$50
- Matt Schulze - \$30
- John & Linda Fleck - \$25
- Walter Braun - \$25

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

It is time for the 2018 MCDO Membership drive! 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

February is American Heart Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease.

The good news? Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their conditions. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for people to make healthier choices.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people. To lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol. You should get your cholesterol checked at least every 5 years. If you have been diagnosed with high cholesterol, you may need your cholesterol checked more frequently.
- Monitor your blood pressure. High blood pressure may have no symptoms, so be sure to have it checked on a regular basis.
- If you drink, drink in moderation.
- Get active.
- Eat healthy. Include several servings of fruit and vegetables in your diet every day.
- Manage diabetes. If you have diabetes, check your blood sugar levels carefully and write them down for a better reference for your health care provider.

If you take medication to treat high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or diabetes, follow your doctor's instructions carefully. Always ask questions if you don't understand.

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.

RCS Construction is planning to finish the development of Marion Acres to the North end of the existing development. For information on lots available for sale, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

On February 21, the FFA will be hosting a breakfast for all farmers and contributors/supporters of our Ag program. The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, February 19th, 2018 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. If you wish to donate to the project, please send to: MCDO – Multi-Use Path, PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn.

The 716 Sidewalk Project is still progressing. The preferred location for the sidewalk is on the ODOT right of way between the road and the power poles. This area is already crowded with various infrastructure such as sewer line inspection points, cable boxes, storm drains and poles that may be too close to the highway and would have to be moved. The good news is that ODOT will not require expensive, certified prints. The not so good news is that to meet current ODOT specs, the sidewalk will need to be 5 feet wide which will add expense.

The Annual Community Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 15th, 2018. The Banquet will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Maria Stein American Legion. The Distinguished Developer Award will be presented to the Congregation of the Precious Blood / Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. The Distinguished Student Award will be presented to Josh Applegate. Tickets will be available for sale in March. Mark your calendars!

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Buschur, owner of Buschur Custom Farm Services attended the MCDO meeting to discuss his new truck wash facility in the Industrial Park. The facility will be a bio secure wash specializing in poultry vehicles, which is important in preventing the spread of disease. The wash will have a waste collection and water filtration system that meet all the appropriate compliance regulations.

The MCDO Board discussed the Inaugural Distinguished Student Award for the 2018 banquet. The Board made the decision to present a \$200 monetary award to the winner annually. Bob Unrast moved to approve the \$200 monetary award. Nick Moeller seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Recently, the MCDO published the Marion Community Calendar. The Calendar is an accumulation of all the events from the Marion Local Schools, Marion Catholic Community, MCDO and its supporting organizations, Marion Township Library, and various other organizations. It is located right on the home page at: <http://www.marioncommunities.com/>. If your organization has an event that you would like to include, please email admin@marioncommunities.com for the addition to the Community Calendar.

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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, March 12th, 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***