



President, Jim Keller called the April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on April 10th, 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. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$189,998	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$148,611			Recreation Fund	\$25,906
CD's	\$15,757			General Fund – MCDO	\$36,785
Savings	\$25,630			Marion Soccer	\$11,964
Total Assets	\$189,998			Girls' Softball	\$8,757
				ML FFA	\$22,528
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
				Boys Baseball	\$16,284
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$29,185
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,000
				ML Bowling	\$354
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$4,170
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
				Multi-Use Path	\$622
				Fundamental League	\$3,125
				Total Assets	\$189,998

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Mitch Thobe

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

March 19:	Tom & Kathy Huelsman	April 2:	Brent & Sara Hess
March 26:	Ron & Vickie Winner	April 9:	Jerry & Karen Moeller

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

Please follow Marion Township Park on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. You can also contact us through email: mariontwppk@gmail.com.

March:

- \$50 – Tony Prenger
- \$30 – Greg & Stacie Homan
- \$25 – Jill Nagel
- \$25 – Jason Bruns

April:

- \$50 – Ron & Viv Hartings
- \$30 – Joan Alexander
- \$25 – Jesse & Karen Rose
- \$25 – Joe Thobe

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all those who you have supported the MCDO in the 2018 membership drive! 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

Healthy Kids Day will be held at the YMCA North Branch, Celina on Saturday, April 14 from 9AM – 1PM. Free family fun activities include face painting, inflatables, pony rides, door prizes and the annual Super Hero Sprint!

Monitoring Added Sugar In The Foods We Eat May Lead To Better Health

Up to 75 percent of packaged foods, including breakfast cereals, granola bars, flavored yogurts (even the fruit flavored varieties), soups, breads and condiments, contain added sugars, causing us to take in excessive amounts of sugar on a daily basis. The average American consumes almost 20 teaspoons of sugar per day. The American Heart Association advises that the total amount of added sugars in your diet to not exceed 6 teaspoons (25 grams) per day for women and 9 teaspoons (36 grams) for men.

It doesn't take a medical expert to recognize that this amount of sugar may be very damaging to your overall health. Over time, added sugars can mess up your metabolism, cause weight gain, raise the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and tooth decay.

Natural sugars are found in foods like yogurt, milk and fruits, and they don't lead to the same health problems that added sugars do. The one exception to this is fruit juice. Juice lacks the fiber contained in fruit. The recommended amount of fruit juice per day is one cup.

To eliminate added sugars, you first need to find them. Sugar sweetened drinks are the leading source of added sugars in our diet. Replacing sugary drinks with water or an unsweetened beverage is a better choice. Sugar goes by many different names including cane sugar, brown sugar, fruit juice concentrate etc. Until the updated labels make it to the shelves (reportedly 2020), you'll have to make the best of it by comparing one product to a similar product, looking at the Nutrition Facts label at the grams of sugar per serving to find foods with the lowest levels.

A recommended recourse on how to read food labels is ChooseMyPlate.gov made available thru the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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

The Ag Ed Boosters elected new officers at their rescheduled March meeting. The Marion Local Schools will host a Community Meeting on Monday, April 30th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. There will be information and discussion surrounding the proposed facilities project, including Ag Education. Please consider attending the meeting for more information!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, April 16th, 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. The Committee is continuing work on a Bike Rodeo in coordination with Marion Local Schools on September 30th, 2018 with the Multi-Use Path Fundraising Event scheduled at Marion Township Park for that date. 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, April 24th, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn.

On March 15th, we conducted a “walk through” of the entire length of the SR 716 proposed sidewalk area. Extensive notes and photos were taken. The information is still being analyzed as there are some structural items and challenges that affect the path of the sidewalk. We will prepare a power point presentation outlining the final results and will then meet with the residents to discuss next steps.

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. Congratulations to the award winners!

Nick Moeller recently contacted Vectren Energy for the possibility and feasibility of natural gas in the Maria Stein area. Nick has reached out several times and has not received any additional response from Vectren for follow-up. More details will be provided as they unfold.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership in other area Chambers of Commerce were discussed. At this time, it does not make sense to move outside the Marion Community as it does not fit the mission of and would not benefit the MCDO. Additional discussion included highlighting the business members of the MCDO. There will be further discussion in the coming meeting(s) about the best approach of accentuating these businesses, as their membership is greatly appreciated!

The MCDO was recently approached about providing financial support to major projects in the surrounding area. After discussing the mission and purpose of the MCDO, the Board decided to refrain from donating funds to projects outside of the Marion Community.

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 – Paving will soon begin on Indian Trail Road between SR 716 and Huwer Road.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

Marion Local Schools – There will be an informational community meeting on Monday, April 30th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the High School Gym to discuss the proposed new facility. All community members are invited to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Don Rosenbeck. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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