



President, Jim Keller called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on December 11th, 2018 at 8:00 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 Shannon Everman. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$172,660

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$146,135
CD's	\$15,833
Savings	<u>\$10,692</u>
Total Assets	\$172,660

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$11,059
General Fund – MCDO	\$29,630
Marion Soccer	\$14,040
Girls' Softball	\$6,991
ML FFA	\$22,007
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,380
Boys Baseball	\$14,229
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,819
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$3,000
ML Bowling	\$354
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,307
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
Multi-Use Path	\$6,826
Fundamental League	\$759
Total Assets	<u>\$172,660</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

November 19: Nick & Julie Schulze	December 3: Paul & Carol Fleck
November 26: Mike & Kim Habodasz	December 10: Pleiman Landscaping

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. The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for December are:

- \$50 – Carl & Linda Koenig
- \$30 – Tim & Joyce Moeller
- \$25 – Tony & Linda Broering
- \$25 – Bob & Katie Dippold

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2019 Membership Drive will begin in January! The 2019 Membership Form is included in the minutes. 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

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Moeller Brew Barn on Saturday, December 29 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM and also at the Maria Stein American Legion on Monday, January 7 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

12 Ways to Have a Healthy Holiday Season

1. Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Bundle up to stay dry and warm. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, and boots.
3. Manage stress. Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed or out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find a supportive network and get appropriate sleep.
4. Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.
5. Be smoke-free. Avoid smoking and second hand smoke.
6. Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
7. Get exams and screenings. Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them.
8. Get your vaccinations. Vaccines help prevent diseases and save lives.
9. Monitor children. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drink, household items, and other objects out of children's reach.
10. Practice fire safety. Have an emergency plan and practice it often.
11. Prepare food safely. Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate food promptly.
12. Eat healthy, stay active. Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2 ½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active at least 1 hour a day.

Brighten your holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take the above steps to keep you and your family safe and healthy- and ready to enjoy the holidays.

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 has lots along Washington Avenue North available for sale and new home construction. For information on all lots available for sale, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Ag Ed Booster president Roger Broering forwarded the following invite to the Marion Community: "Allison Ryan is a Senior Communications Manager from American Dairy Association Mideast and will be our featured speaker at our regular monthly Ag Ed Boosters Meeting on Monday, December 17 @8 pm in the Ag Ed Room. She will be discussing her job and how they use social media and using local dairy farmers in videos to help promote milk. If you are unable to attend, please check out www.drink-milk.com to see everything the American Dairy Association Mideast is doing to help promote milk, including videos of 5 local dairy farm families. Please join us for an informational speaker and enjoy some Christmas cookies and candies."

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Multi-Use Path Project. There will not be a December meeting due to the holidays. There will be a public meeting held on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Marion Township Building. Updates will be provided on the multi-use path and application process.

The MCDO is continuing to review the feasibility of natural gas in the community. A data request was sent to all Marion Community businesses in September to estimate the potential demand of natural gas in the area. The MCDO is trying to see if there is a different and easier approach to obtaining the data usage for the feasibility study. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Please feel free to contact the MCDO with any questions at infrastructure@marioncommunities.com or admin@marioncommunities.com.

The State Route 716 Sidewalk Project is still being reviewed and pursued. Some questions concerning crosswalks to school, drainage and sidewalk width were submitted to ODOT. We just received answers to the questions and are currently reviewing them.

The MCDO is seeking a Business Retention & Development Chairperson. For any recommendations, please contact Jim Keller at 419-925-4764 or Shannon Everman at 419-925-5707.

The MCDO was approached by Energy Alliances, an energy consulting and supply company, to determine any potential savings opportunities for the Marion Community. Energy Alliances will negotiate with electric suppliers for aggregated savings and could potentially assist in the natural gas feasibility study. A meeting with Energy Alliances will be set up in January 2019. This meeting will include a representative from the trustees, MCDO and Energy Alliances.

The Marion Industrial Park is expanding! A group of investors formed Marion Community Land Development, LLC and has recently purchased 80 acres to the North of the existing Industrial Park. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO website is currently not mobile-first and is sometimes challenging to use and maneuver on devices outside of a computer. The MCDO received and reviewed a quote to update the website and the Board discussed the importance of keeping up-to-date. Nick Moeller moved to approve the website project. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The MCDO received the annual liability insurance policy renewal and quote. Elaine Wolters moved to approve payment of the annual insurance policy. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

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 news 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 8:50 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

Jim Keller, President	419-925-4764
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Elaine Pierron	419-925-5704
Coordinator: Jim Keller	419-925-4764

Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Tony Kaiser 419-582-2681
Health, Safety & Education:	Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Land Use:	Open
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation:	Brian Wolters

2019 MCDO Membership Form

Business Membership \$60.00 _____ Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deduction: _____	Family Membership \$15.00 _____ _____	
Name: _____	Date: _____	
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____		Email: _____ (to be used for minutes distribution)

***Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization
 Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065***

