



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 12th, 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 Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Don Rosenbeck seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$182,365	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$143,352			Recreation Fund	\$23,940
CD's	\$15,749			General Fund – MCDO	\$34,252
Savings	<u>\$23,264</u>			Marion Soccer	\$11,964
Total Assets	\$182,365			Girls' Softball	\$9,592
				ML FFA	\$20,227
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
				Boys Baseball	\$17,741
				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
				Total Assets	\$182,365

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Mitch Thobe

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| February 11: Don & Amy Kemper | |
| February 18: Randy & Jackie Winner | March 5: Alan & Nancy Winner |
| February 26: Russ & Patti Puthoff | March 12: Ricky & Sarah 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.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

It is time for the 2018 MCDO Membership drive! Membership forms are included in the minutes. There have been several reminder letters sent to existing members and also to new potential members. If you received a letter and have already sent in your member, thank you for your continued support! 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 Montezuma Volunteer Fire Dept./Franklin Twp. Building on Tuesday, March 20 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM and at Mercer Health, Coldwater on Friday, March 30 from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Excessive Sitting Linked to Major Health Risks

It's not unordinary, especially in a workplace, to sit for long periods of time. As you do, your body may be losing muscle mass, and gaining the opposite... fatty tissues. "Deskercise" – or exercise at your desk, may help.

Deskercising is fairly simple and the results can help you to reduce your health risks while improving your mood. Though deskercising will not account for all of your recommended daily exercise, it's a good place to start. The University of Chicago revealed that those who live sedentary work lives averaged a Body Mass index, (BMI) of 3.3 greater than those who were active and are twice as likely to be overweight. Studies have also linked excess sitting to worse mental health, higher risk of heart disease and an increased risk of being disabled.

Getting started is simple, here are a few examples of how you and your co-workers can start deskercising today.

- Break from sitting- Seize the opportunity to stand up while reading emails.
- Walk to talk- When you need to discuss an email, go see that person face-to face. Remember to walk briskly to increase blood flow .
- Standing Desk-These desks allow you to take a break from sitting without compromising your work.
- Seated leg raiser- While seated, raise legs out straight holding for 5 seconds. Lower your feet and just before your feet touch the ground, repeat.
- Fab Desk Abs- Contract the abdominal muscles and hold for 10 seconds. Relax and repeat.

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 will elect new officers at their April meeting. The FFA Banquet is scheduled for Monday, March 19th, 2018 Knights of St. John Hall. There will be a banquet style meal, awards presentation, and remarks from Tim Goodwin, Marion Local High Principal and Emma Stewart, Ohio State FFA Vice President at Large. The officers will also host the 5th Annual Pie Auction. The proceeds will help send students to FFA Camp and the Washington Leadership Conference.

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 hoping to host a Bike Rodeo on September 30th, 2018 in coordination with the event scheduled at Marion Township Park for that date. More details will follow! 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, March 27th, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn.

This week, we will be conducting a “walk through” of the entire length of the SR 716 proposed sidewalk area. Extensive notes and photos will be taken. Once these are analyzed, we will prepare a power point presentation outlining the possibilities and challenges. We 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. Tickets are available for sale by contacting any MCDO Board Member, Jim Keller at 419-925-4764, or Shannon Everman at 419-925-5707. RSVP’s must be received by Monday, April 9th, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nick Moeller recently contacted Vectren Energy for the possibility and feasibility of natural gas in the Maria Stein area. The MCDO will need to gather information to submit to Vectren for further review. More details will be provided as they unfold.

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 – There will be an informational community meeting on Tuesday, March 20th, 2018 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 8:15 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

Jim Keller, President	419-925-4764
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Committee Chairpersons

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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***