



President, Jim Keller called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<b>CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$163,930</b>	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$133,426			Recreation Fund	\$16,791
CD's	\$15,766			General Fund – MCDO	\$37,173
Savings	<u>\$14,738</u>			Marion Soccer	\$12,714
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$163,930</b>			Girls' Softball	\$8,088
				ML FFA	\$17,060
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
				Boys Baseball	\$7,546
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$28,835
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$3,500
				ML Bowling	\$354
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$4,170
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
				Multi-Use Path	\$622
				Fundamental League	\$759
				<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$163,930</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Mitch Thobe*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 16:	Mike & Maria Rethman	April 30:	Ty & Brittany Thobe
April 23:	Dan & Lisa Gross	May 7:	Skip & June Heitbrink

**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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com).

**May:**

- \$50 – Dave & Bonnie Tangeman
- \$30 – Ruth Feltz
- \$25 – Stan Wilker
- \$25 – Mark Utrup

## **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](mailto: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 Blood Mobile will be at the Maria Stein Knights of St. Johns Hall on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 6:00pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

On Your Mark, Get Set, MOVE!" will be held at Mercer Health on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm and will include presence of physical therapy staff from Community Sports & Therapy Center for questions & screens for functional strength/stability; healthy eating tips from Mercer Health Nutrition Services; wellness tips, couch to 5K, & MedGem System information from Mercer Health Weight Management; free chair massages from The Revival Spa at the Galleria; and more!

The shoe expo portion will include professional shoe fitting and demos with an opportunity to take the shoes for a run before purchase. Shoes will be available for purchase from Can't Stop Running Company with vendors including Brooks, Saucony, Hoka, and Adidas. Special promotions will be offered on shoes ordered at the event.

Entry forms will be available for the Grand Lake Marathon & NEW Kids Fun Run, Mercer Health 5K Challenge events, Little Foot Running Club and Countywide "Healthy Waves Challenge." Door prizes will be given including a pair of running shoes, Garmin GPS runners watch, a Grand Lake entry, MUST Run evaluation, MedGem Session and more!

For more information, visit <http://www.cstcenter.com/healthy-waves-challenge-on-your-mark-get-set-move>. For entries to the Healthy Wave Challenge, visit: <http://www.cstcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Wave-Challenge-2018-....>

## **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 expand Marion Acres by continuing Washington Avenue north. RCS will be starting on the construction of the street within the next couple of weeks. 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 recently elected new officers and they are listed below:

- Roger Broering – President
- Brent Bergman – Vice President
- Sharon Moeller – Secretary
- Chuck Wendel – Treasurer

The Ag Ed program is continuing to improve and expand its education opportunities. The Ag Ed students are using recently acquired grow towers to grow lettuce and spinach inside the school. These towers feed the plants hydroponically using grow lights to simulate the sun. The produce is used in the schools' cafeteria. The students have also been raising chickens, tracking their growth, as part of their lab experiences.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Multi-Use Path Project. The Committee received a proposal for the engineering drawings and engineering useful life estimates for the path from Choice One Engineering. The MCDO Board agreed to sponsor the study and pay the fees from the General Fund. Bob Dippold moved to approve the MCDO's sponsorship of the study. Jean Bender seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn. Check out the Bike Path Float in the Chickasaw Parade on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

The MCDO has scheduled a follow-up meeting to discuss the proposed sidewalk on the East side of SR 716. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Marion Township Building. Residents and perspective residents as well as developers and contractors are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Annual Community Banquet was held on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The new format of the banquet was a success with the addition of the Student Award and focusing the banquet on the Distinguished Developer and the community updates.

Nick Moeller recently contacted Vectren Energy for the possibility and feasibility of natural gas in the Maria Stein area. Nick has received feedback on the information that would be needed to conduct a feasibility study. Nick will work with Jim Keller to arrange the best approach to obtaining the information and moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The MCDO Board has agreed to include an ad in the Athletic Programs for the 2018-2019 School Year. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the ad submission. Bob Unrast 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** – 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** – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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