



President, Jim Keller called the November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Jean Bender. Don Rosenbeck moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<b>CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$173,080</b>	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$146,563			Recreation Fund	\$11,456
CD's	\$15,828			General Fund – MCDO	\$29,108
Savings	<u>\$10,689</u>			Marion Soccer	\$14,174
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$173,080</b>			Girls' Softball	\$6,991
				ML FFA	\$24,428
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,380
				Boys Baseball	\$15,429
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,309
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$3,000
				ML Bowling	\$354
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,107
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
				Multi-Use Path	\$6,326
				Fundamental League	\$759
				<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$173,080</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

October 15: Jon & Julie Bergman	November 5: Bob & Martha Pohlman
October 22: CJ & Kelly Brookhart	November 12: Scott & Linda Tangeman
October 29: Jay & Sharon Thobe	

### 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). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for October are:

- \$50 – Angie Moeder
- \$30 – Joe & Jean Bender
- \$25 – Don & Kay Homan
- \$25 – John & Juli Berning

## **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*

With the holidays around the corner, it is important to have your health in tip-top shape so you can spend time with family and friends. The last thing you want to worry about is catching or spreading illnesses such as the cold or flu to a family member or friend.

Illness-causing bacteria can survive in many places around your kitchen, including your hands, utensils, and cutting boards. Unless you wash your hands, utensils, and surfaces the right way, you could spread bacteria to your food, and your family.

Wash your hands the right way-for 20 seconds with plain soap and water. Make sure to scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Wash your hands before eating, before and after food preparation, after handling uncooked eggs, raw meat, or seafood and also after touching an animal or pet.

Wash surfaces and utensils after each use. Use paper towels or clean cloths to wipe kitchen surfaces or spills. Wash cloths often in the hot cycle of your wash machine. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before you go on to prepare the next item.

Wash fruits and veggies-but not meat, poultry, or eggs. Even if you plan to peel fruits and veggies-it's important to wash them first because bacteria can spread from the outside to the inside as you cut or peel them. Washing raw meat and poultry can actually help bacteria spread, because their juices may splash onto (and contaminate) your sink and countertops. All commercial eggs are washed before sale. Any extra handling of the eggs, such as washing, may actually increase the risk of cross-contamination, especially if the shell becomes cracked.

If you follow these tips you are bound to have a happy and healthy holiday season!

## **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*

The Marion Local FFA attended the National Convention in late October. The Marion Local FFA Chapter had students receive their American Degrees. Congratulations to the FFA for all of their hard work throughout the year!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, November 19<sup>th</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 plans to host the event again in 2019 and more information will be provided on dates in the near future. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn.

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](mailto:infrastructure@marioncommunities.com) or [admin@marioncommunities.com](mailto: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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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. This meeting will include a representative from the trustees, MCDO and Energy Alliances.

One of the CD's has reached its maturity, and the Board decided to renew the CD for 25 months with Osgood State Bank. Don Rosenbeck moved to approved the renewal. Jean Bender seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The MCDO is excited to announce that 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 or Gary Moeller.

**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 9:00 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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