



President, Jim Keller called the September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on September 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 Jean Bender. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Nick Moeller seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$183,701

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$157,201
CD's	\$15,811
Savings	<u>\$10,689</u>
Total Assets	\$183,701

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$12,256
General Fund – MCDO	\$30,797
Marion Soccer	\$17,246
Girls' Softball	\$6,611
ML FFA	\$16,420
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$43,328
Boys Baseball	\$15,529
Ag Ed Boosters	\$28,309
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$3,500
ML Bowling	\$354
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,187
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
Multi-Use Path	\$1,146
Fundamental League	\$759
Total Assets	\$183,701

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

August 20:	China & Rita Griesdorn	September 3:	Randy & Deb Homan
August 27:	Bob & Betty Poeppelman	September 10:	Tim & Ann Pohlman

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 September are:

- \$50 – Beth Streib
- \$30 – Abe & Angie Everman
- \$25 – Troy & Heidi Luebke
- \$25 – Amy Grieshop

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

During Prostate Awareness month, free prostate screenings will be offered at the Community Medical Center in Celina on Tuesday, September 18, from 8AM to 11AM and Thursday, September 20, from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. The screening is open to men ages 55-75 who do not have an established urology provider and who do not have a personal history of prostate cancer. Appointments are required. Please call 567-890-7102 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

September is also Suicide Awareness month. Many people have mental health concerns from time to time. But a mental health concern becomes a mental illness when ongoing signs and symptoms cause frequent stress and affect your ability to function. Symptoms of mental illness may include:

- *Feeling sad or down
- *Confused thinking or reduced ability to concentrate
- *Excessive fears or worries, or extreme feelings of guilt
- *Withdrawal from friends or activities
- *Changes in eating habits
- *Suicidal thinking

Sometimes symptoms of mental health disorder appear as physical problems, such as stomach pain, back pain, headache, or other unexplained aches and pains.

If you have suicidal thoughts or your loved one has thoughts of harming themselves get help right away:

- Call 911 or your local emergency number.
- Call a suicide hotline number at 1-800-273-8255.
- Reach out to a close family member or friend or spiritual leader.
- Call your mental health specialist. Foundations Behavioral Health Services are located in Celina. Please call 419-584-1825 to make an appointment.

Mental illness is common and can begin at any age, from childhood through later adult years. The effects of mental illness can be temporary or long lasting. However, if you have a mental illness, taking steps to control stress by getting sufficient sleep, eating healthy and getting regular physical activity along with seeing a qualified health professional, you may keep your symptoms under control.

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 recently finished paving Washington Avenue North in Marion Acres. Lots along Washington Avenue North are now available for sale and new home construction. For information on lots available for sale, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Marion Local FFA has seen increased enrollment in the program for the 2018-2019 school year. The FFA is working to prepare for the National Convention in October, which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Additionally, the 8th grade FFA program is developing and it is great to see the younger students showing interest in the program!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, September 17th, 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 has launched a Facebook page that provides more information on the project. Search for Marion Communities Multi-Use Path on Facebook. Mark your calendars for the Pac-Man Party in the Park which will benefit the Multi-Use Path for Sunday, September 30th, 2018. Please go to www.marioncommunities.com for more information. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Waltermire from Midwest Electric met with the MCDO Board to discuss the community's desire for natural gas availability in the area. Dave expressed an interest in supporting a natural gas feasibility study as a potential subsidiary utility provider should Vectren and Dominion Energy determine that the business case does not support the project. To estimate potential demand, the MCDO sent a data request to all Marion Community businesses. For any questions on the data sheet, please feel free to contact infrastructure@marioncommunities.com.

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 Dippold and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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