



President, Jim Keller called the January meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on January 8, 2019 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. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Additionally, the 2019 Budget was presented by Shannon Everman and reviewed by the Board.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$173,591**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$140,619
CD's	\$15,865
Savings	<u>\$17,107</u>
Total Assets	\$173,591

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$17,124
General Fund – MCDO	\$28,421
Marion Soccer	\$14,040
Girls' Softball	\$6,991
ML FFA	\$16,611
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,880
Boys Baseball	\$15,913
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,819
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$3,000
ML Bowling	\$598
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,350
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
Multi-Use Path	\$6,826
Fundamental League	<u>\$759</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$173,591</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 17: Rick & Brenda Evers	December 31: John & Irene Bruns
December 24: Jim & Angie Wynk	January 7: Joe & Karen 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. The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for January are:

- \$50 – Greg & Ann Garmann
- \$30 – Jason Ranly
- \$25 – Kyle Moeller
- \$25 – Gary Dippold

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2019 Membership Drive is underway and the 2019 Form is included in the minutes. 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

9 Things to Know Before You Donate Blood in 2019

January is National Blood Donor Month. It's also a difficult time of year to collect blood donations due to inclement weather and the flu season. To help prepare for your blood donation, the Red Cross has nine tips to know before donating blood in 2019.

1. Your whole blood donation appointment will take approximately one hour. In the time it takes to complete one whole blood donation appointment, 1,800 patients in the U.S. will have needed lifesaving products. To make your donation more comfortable, come prepared. Be sure to wear a top with sleeves that can be rolled-up easily and something to read.
2. You don't need to know your blood type. According to a national survey conducted in April 2018, on behalf of the Red Cross, more than 53 percent of people believe they need to know their blood type to donate blood- this is simply not true.
3. You must be in good health. Seasonal illnesses like the flu can affect a blood donor's ability to give. Most medication will not disqualify you from being able to donate, but if you have questions please visit RedCrossBlood.org.
4. Rest and relax. Get a good night's sleep before your donation and avoid any heavy lifting or strenuous activity afterwards. If you experience dizziness or lightheadedness, stop what you're doing and sit or lie down until you feel better.
5. Hydrate and eat a healthy meal before your donation. It is important that before giving blood, donors drink plenty of fluids (an extra four 8-ounce glasses of fluids) and eat nutritious foods, rich in iron and vitamin C such as red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals or raisins.
6. You're never too old to donate blood. While in most states, you must be at least 17 years old to donate blood, there is no upper age limit. In fact, many elderly individuals are some of the most dedicated blood donors.
7. Speed up your donation by completing a RapidPass online health history questionnaire. RapidPass can also be completed on mobile devices, through the Red Cross Blood Donor App.
8. Don't forget your Free post-donation snack. Blood contains many substances including red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets, plus water and various nutrients and minerals, which is why it is critical that donors replenish their bodies with post-donation snacks and fluids.
9. Scheduling a blood donation appointment is easy! All eligible individuals can make an appointment by using the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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 Lochtelfeld 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 Ag Ed Boosters will be hosting Ben Brown, Ohio State University Program Director of Farm Management on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Maria Stein American Legion Hall. The topic will focus on emerging issues in today's farm economy. The event is open to the Marion Local and surrounding communities. Youth with an interest in agriculture are encouraged to attend.

There will be a Farm Succession and Transition Workshop held on January 30th, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Romers in Celina. The event is sponsored by the OSU Extension Agricultural Program and is designed to help farm families develop a succession plan for their farm business. Guest speakers include: Robert Moore, Attorney; Peggy Hall, Assistant Professor OSU Extension Agricultural &

Resource Law Program; and David Marrison, Extension Educator for Coshocton County. For more information, contact the Mercer County Extension office at 419-586-2179.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Greenway Project. 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 application is due for local review on January 15th, 2019. If you are interested in providing a letter of support in favor of the bike path, please address your letter "To Whom It May Concern" and it can be given to Nick Moeller prior to January 15th. The grant would fund 76% of the project, which is approximately \$866,000. The Committee has received commitment letters to fund \$144,000 of the \$304,000 local match required. The MCDO has agreed to be the supporting organization to coordinate the flow of funds on a loan for the remaining local amount required on the project. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the MCDO as a supporting organization. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The MCDO is continuing to review the feasibility of natural gas in the community. 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 was held on January 9th, 2019 and included a representative from the trustees, MCDO and Energy Alliances. 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 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's Annual Community Address is scheduled for Sunday, March 31st, 2019 at the Maria Stein American Legion beginning at 11:30 a.m. More information to follow. Please mark your calendars!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – The water supply piping for the villages' new water system is being installed through the Marion Industrial Park and north along SR 716.

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 9:05 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, February 12th, 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***



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