



President, Ted Bertke called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on January 14, 2020 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. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$227,603**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$191,170
CD's	\$16,169
Savings	\$20,264
Total Assets	\$227,603

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$21,673
General Fund – MCDO	\$27,930
Marion Soccer	\$14,521
Girls' Softball	\$11,039
ML FFA	\$18,421
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$37,407
Boys Baseball	\$13,109
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,952
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$88
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,859
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,288
Multi-Use Path	\$37,093
Fundamental League	\$723
Total Assets	\$227,603

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 16: Nick & Amy Pierron	January 6: Alex & Samantha Moeller
December 23: Mark & Tracy Mescher	January 13: Cory & Lisa Moeller
December 30: Allan & Deb Kremer	

The MCDO 301 Recreation Club would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our local parks and youth leagues. We are currently in the middle of the [2020 membership drive](#). We are reminding anyone who has not already renewed to please consider doing so by returning your renewal form and payment at your earliest convenience. If you have not received a renewal form in the mail or would like to become a member, please contact Nick Boeckman through email at nick.boeckman@gmail.com, by phone at 937-638-8579 or any of the other committee members (Mitch Thobe, Luke Bertke, Brian Wolters, Alex Moeller, Kirk Stucke, Kyle Moeller, Matt Homan or Wes Everman).

Membership is \$50, as it always has been, and enters you into a weekly drawing of \$100. All members are randomly selected to win each week resulting in 52 - \$100 winners. Membership also entitles you to the appreciation party on Friday, January 24th after the boys' basketball home game vs. St John's. Food and drinks are provided for all members and their families.

We would like to thank the 170+ members who have already renewed and look forward to seeing all of the 2019 members at the annual appreciation party. Members can also renew the night of the party. As in the past, prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

The MCDO 301 Recreation Club is a non-profit group that has been actively supporting Marion youth programs and our local parks since 1996. Our goal is to help sustain active programs and the development of our parks. We are able to accomplish this through membership fees, donations & our annual chicken dinner sales. Our community and kids benefit and appreciate all your generosity.

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 – Tom Bernard
- \$30 – Gene & Jeannie Bruns
- \$25 – Gary & Lisa Bertke
- \$25 – Dale Schulze

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2020 Membership Drive is underway! The form is included with the minutes. Thank you for your continued support with the MCDO! 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

Medicine Safety – Filling your prescription

Medicine safety means you get the right medicine and the right dose, at the right times. If you take the wrong medicine or too much of it, it could cause serious problems.

Take these steps when getting and filling your prescriptions in order to avoid medicine errors. Every time you get a new prescription, make sure you:

- Tell your health care provider about allergies or side effects you have had to any medicines in the past.
- Tell all your providers about all the medicines, supplements, and herbs you take. Bring a list of all of these with you to your appointments. Keep this list in your wallet and with you at all times.
- Ask what each medicine is for and what side effects to watch out for.
- Ask whether the medicine will interact with any foods, drinks, or other medicine.
- Ask your provider what to do if you forget a dose.
- Learn the names of all your medicines. Also learn what each medicine looks like.

Many people use their local pharmacist. One advantage is that you can talk to someone if you have any questions. They can also get to know you and they will maintain a record of all the medicines you take.

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 in Marion Acres, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869. Marion Township will begin installing nightlights in Marion Acres in the near future.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Ed. The Marion Local FFA will be competing in the Agricultural Issues contest, which consists of six of the members developing and presenting on a current agricultural issue. They will need to give the presentation five times to different community organizations before they can compete at the State convention in April. The FFA recently held their annual Greenhand and Chapter Degree ceremony with 1st year and 2nd year FFA students earning these degrees respectively. Parents attended the ceremony to support the students and the guest speaker was Ohio State FFA Officer Chyann Kendell.

The Ag Ed Boosters are continuing to work on a speaker for the winter meeting. They are also looking to incorporate socialization and education into the monthly meetings to enhance networking opportunities. The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

There have not been any new updates on the Marion Community Greenway Project. With many generous donations already pledged, local funds committed have reached over \$215,000. The timeline for the project is projected to be 2020 Land Acquisition Phase and 2021 Construction Phase. This project would not be possible without the generosity and support of many organizations, businesses and people, all which help make this community incredible! The committee has also recently applied for an Ohio Capital Grant which will help offset the remaining funds needed. The timeframe for notification of the grant application approval is Spring 2020.

OTHER

The Marion Community Land Development, LLC owns 80 acres to the North of the existing Industrial Park for a Phase IV expansion of the Industrial Park. Bruns Development was awarded the bid for the infrastructure development. Construction is set to begin after the first of the year. Several buyers have shown interest in and are committed to various lots in the Park. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual MCDO Banquet and Community Address is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Maria Stein American Legion. More information to follow. Please mark your calendars!

Shannon Everman presented the annual budget for the MCDO. The budget was approved as presented by Jean Bender. Bob Dippold 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 – 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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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2020 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: _____ (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