



President, Ted Bertke called the January meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on January 19, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting minutes that include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given by Shannon Everman. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The 2021 Forecasted Budget was presented by Shannon Everman. Bob Unrast moved to approve the budget as presented. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$228,534**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$185,093
CD's	\$16,535
Savings	\$26,906
Total Assets	\$228,534

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$27,411
General Fund – MCDO	\$30,242
Marion Soccer	\$15,954
Girls' Softball	\$4,736
ML FFA	\$27,811
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$17,833
Boys Baseball	\$18,858
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,682
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$2,026
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$10,854
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,031
Multi-Use Path	\$32,501
Fundamental League	\$2,595
Total Assets	\$228,534

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 14: John & Kathy Spoltman	January 4: Pat & Nancy Nieberding
December 21: Ron & Viv Hartings	January 11: Tim & Joyce Moeller
December 28: Chris Keller	January 18: Jon & Julie Bergman

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 – Bob Huelsman
- \$30 – Doug & Nancy Billerman
- \$25 – Allen & Teri Spoltman
- \$25 – Mike & Kathy Broering

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The Annual MCDO Membership Drive has started in January. Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. You can pay by cash, check or Venmo. The Venmo username is @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg and a screenshot is shown below. Enter 5010 to confirm the last 4 digits of the phone number. Please include “MCDO Membership” in the description. 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

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at Mercer Health 800 W Main St, Coldwater on Wednesday, February 10 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to set up an appointment or go online to schedule at redcrossblood.org.

2020 was a strange year. Getting through it required many of us to become flexible in ways we hadn't imagined before. As we all happily said goodbye to 2020, perhaps we are more ready than ever before to make healthy changes in our lifestyle. Below are 4 easy resolutions to incorporate into your routine for a healthier mind and body in 2021:

Snooze the News

If the first thing you do when you wake up is check your smartphone for messages or work email, you may be doing yourself a disservice. Instead, try to remain detached from technology for the first hour of your day so you can begin your day with present-moment awareness and a positive focus on your goals.

A “To-Do” List Habit

Take a few minutes to write down a “to-do” list for the day ahead. Then prioritize it so your day's list has only 3 to 5 items on it—ranked in order of priority to make sure you tackle the most pressing things first. Writing down your “to-do's” instead of keeping them floating around in your mind helps clear mental chatter. And there is something satisfying about crossing off tasks on your list—it really cultivates a sense of accomplishment.

More Veggies

Vegetables are full of what our bodies need to be energized, nourished, and productive: amino acids, minerals, and vitamins. They also help our bodies balance blood sugar, and neutralize and detoxify environmental stressors. In 2021, start by setting a goal to eat at least two plant based meals a week. This will challenge you to try new recipes and discover that vegetable-based meals can be enjoyable and full of flavor.

Move Your Body

We all know exercise is great for your physical and mental health. Your fitness doesn't have to be complicated, long or intense. Instead, set an achievable goal based on your daily schedule. Whether it's a simple walk with your pet, quick set of push-ups or squats, or a low impact yoga routine, blocking out time and incorporating movement into your day will energize your body and mind.

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 two 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.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Boosters recently revised the Scholarship Committee and the scholarship application deadline is March 1st. There are 2 students who applied for their American Degrees and 3 students for their State Degrees. The FFA is still planning a banquet as in years past, but there will be some changes to the layout to accommodate the current restrictions. The Ag Boosters is also hosting a speaker on February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Lisa Pfeifer from the Ohio State University Extension office will speak on agricultural health and safety. For anyone interested, please contact FFA Advisor Matt Elsass at elsassm@marionlocal.org and he will put you on a list to receive the zoom link for the Ag safety event.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Marion Community Greenway Project was able to complete the land acquisition for construction of the multi-use path. Construction is planned for 2021, and bid notification will be made as soon as land acquisition is complete. The committee has requested funding thru the Ohio Capital Budget, which will help offset the remaining funds needed. The timeline for approval of the Ohio Capital Budget is not known at this time. This project would not be possible without the generosity and support of many organizations, businesses and people, all of which help make this community incredible!

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. Several buyers have shown interest in and are committed to various lots in the Park. There are only 2 lots available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aaron Broering has been selected as the sponsorship student for Ohio Business Week in July.

The Annual MCDO Banquet is currently scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 2021. More details to follow!

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 – Five of the area townships have recently helped purchase a new rescue squad vehicle.

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 8:35 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
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Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation:	Nick Boeckman 937-638-8579

2021 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
Pay by Venmo - Username: @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg
(Please include "MCDO Membership" in Description)



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