



MCDO MISSION STATEMENT

The Marion Community Development Organization (MCDO) is an organization under the laws of the State of Ohio, not-for-profit. The mission of the organization shall be to act as a coordinating body to assist local organizations meet the changing needs of the Marion Community through planned development while maintaining its agricultural profile. The activities will be directed toward, but not limited to, development of infrastructure, housing, family care, education, small business, recreation, and agriculture.

President, Ted Bertke called the November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER REPORT:

Deb Otte presented the financial report. Bob Unrast made a motion to accept the financial report, and Dr. Hardesty seconded it. The motion passed. The report for the month ending November 30th, 2025, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: \$324,916

Cash Summaries		Organization Fund Summaries	
Checking	\$269,574	Recreation Fund	\$34,402
CD's	\$22,299	General Fund – MCDO	\$33,502
Savings	\$33,044	Marion Soccer	\$11,549
Total Cash	\$324,916	Girls' Softball	\$9,600
		ML FFA	\$28,396
		ML FFA Pork Producers	\$25,121
		Boys Baseball	\$41,492
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,133
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,000
		ML Bowling	\$546
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$24,932
		Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$798
		Multi-Use Path	\$48,250
		Fundamental League	\$8,238
		Girls Youth Basketball	\$2,393
		Boys Youth Basketball	\$3,532
		Carthage Park	\$19,033
		Total Organization Funds	\$324,916

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE: Committee Chairperson – Doug Bender

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

November 24: Adam & Jodi Kremer

December 1: Mike & Missy Moeller

December 8: Jim & Linda Schwieterman

December 15: Mike & Renee Bertke

2. MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson –Allison Moeller*

To all of our 2025 MCDO Members, thank you for your continued support of our organization and community! New for 2026, our monthly minutes will include a business spotlight to raise awareness and show appreciation for the amazing businesses that are members of the Marion Community Development Organization. Please continue supporting these local businesses, who in turn provide outstanding support for our community. If you are a local business owner and would like to participate in the monthly spotlight, please reach out to admin@marioncommunities.com for more information.

3. HOUSING: *Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast*

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has four 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 Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Dan Jutte has a development underway off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on the available lots.

Osgood is moving forward with development of land on the west end of town off State Route 705. This development is to the north of the current OPPAC building and the Osgood Community Veterans Center. It also borders and has lots off Mendenhall Road. Lot prices have not been set yet, but the village expects sales of land to be ready to take place first quarter of 2025. Please contact any of the Osgood Town Council representatives listed below for more information. Steve Kramer 937-621-1096, Ron Lange 937-670-2302, Rob Kemper 937-417-6632, Jim Arling 937-467-1632, Dan Brown 419-953-6416, Beth Winner 419-305-3444, Kate Langenkamp 419-305-5748, Lisa Beasley 937-638-4673, villageofosgood@hotmail.com

4. HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SAFETY: *Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur*

**HEART DISEASE
DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT**

COMMUNITY HEALTH 101
A free community education series to empower you to live a healthier life.
Brought to you by:

Mercer Health

Thursday, February 5 at 6 p.m.
Mercer Health Marion Campus, 830 W. Main St., Maria Stein

This session will include cardiologists **Dr. Jerry Boley** and **Dr. Todd Brophy**, along with emergency medicine physician **Dr. Craig Dues**, who will share insights on heart and coronary artery disease—how doctors find it, and what can be done to treat and prevent it.

DR. TODD BROPHY **DR. CRAIG DUES** **DR. JERRY BOLEY**

5. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: *Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The Marion Local FFA Chapter had its monthly meeting on December 15th, where they decorated Christmas cookies and completed a scavenger hunt. The students also interacted with ML Alumni Andrew Kramer, Amanda Homan, and Kendra Priest during their November meeting. The alumni shared their high school experiences and discussed their careers in the agricultural community. On Monday, December 29th, the chapter will be completing a community service activity, making blankets to donate to rustic hope.

On January 15th, the Ag Boosters and Marion Local Young Farmers will be having a joint meeting at the Maria Stein Legion at 7:00 pm. Evan Bachelor will be the guest speaker on Estate planning.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There are lots available in the Maria Stein Industrial Park. If you are interested, please reach out to Gary Moeller at 419-305-4511
- If anyone is interested in joining the MCDO Board in any capacity, please contact Deb Otte at admin@marioncommunities.com.
- Mark your calendars, the MCDO will be holding a Community Address Luncheon on Sunday, March 8th. More information to come!

VILLAGES, TOWNSHIP, PARKS, & SCHOOL REPORTS:

1. **Carthage Park Report** – To reserve the park please call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.
2. **Chickasaw** – No new information to report.
3. **Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact AJ Homan at 419-733-1171.
4. **Osgood** – No new information to report.
5. **Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718.
6. **Marion Township** – No new information to report.
7. **Marion Township Park Board Report** – 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 December are as follows:

\$50 – Tom & Angela Moeder

\$30 – Tim & Dawn Goodwin

\$25 – Gene & Sharon Evers

\$25 – Beth Streib

8. Marion Local Schools – Marion Local Schools would like to wish you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am with a motion from Bob Unrast and a 2nd from Lisa Buschur. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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