



**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 January meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Deb Otte presented the financial report. The report for month ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

**Total Cash Balance: \$333,092**

*Cash Summaries*

Checking	\$289,657
CD's	\$17,320
Savings	\$26,115
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$333,092</b>

*Organization Fund Summaries*

Recreation Fund	\$31,195
General Fund – MCDO	\$33,152
Marion Soccer	\$9,806
Girls' Softball	\$6,531
ML FFA	\$22,713
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$26,719
Boys Baseball	\$40,008
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,218
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$279
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,819
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$64,134
Fundamental League	\$6,966
Girls Youth Basketball	\$1,725
Boys Youth Basketball	\$4,852
Carthageana Park	\$26,853
<b>Total Organization Funds</b>	<b>\$333,092</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. RECREATION COMMITTEE:** *Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 16: Gary & Lisa Bertke

December 23: Jesse & Diane Alexander

December 30: Kevin & Carol Stucke

January 6: Greg & Stacie Homan

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

To all of the families and businesses who supported the Marion Community Development Organization in 2024 through your annual membership, thank you! We appreciate your commitment to our community.

MCDO is the umbrella group that helps the facilitation of our community through fund management of various organizations. These include Marion Local FFA, Marion Township Greenway Bike Path, Chapel Hill Preschool, and many youth sports activities in conjunction with the 301 Club. This generates growth for infrastructure and business development, agricultural education for our students, agricultural solutions for farmers, and housing development.

Every membership is invested locally, for the benefit of all current and future residents and generations! The 2025 membership drive is underway, please see a link to the membership form on this email or on page 3. We would appreciate your support in 2025!

## **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 being built currently. 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](mailto:villageofosgood@hotmail.com)

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

The next Preventative Healthcare 101 Community Education event, presented by Mercer Health, will focus on heart disease and prevention. This free community education series was developed to empower the community to live a healthier life. Dr. Todd Brophy, cardiologist at Mercer Health Medical Group Cardiology, will present Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6 PM at the Mercer Health Marion campus. Dr. Brophy will discuss heart disease and provide tips for prevention and early diagnosis. RSVP is not required. Free T-shirt for all attendees!

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

The Marion Local FFA gathered over Christmas break to make blankets as a community service activity for Rustic Hope. We are gearing up for a busy winter as we prepare for contests such as ag sales, public speaking and livestock judging. Some members are also working on state degrees, American degrees and officer books.

The Marion Local Ag Boosters, in conjunction with the Marion Young Farmers will be holding an educational event featuring Homan Inc. and Farm Credit to discuss developing beef and hog operations from the ground up. It will be held at the Marion Stein Legion on January 30th at 7:00 PM.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

No new business to report.

## VILLAGES, TOWNSHIP, PARKS, & SCHOOL REPORTS:

1. **Carthage Park Report** – To reserve the park please call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.
2. **Chickasaw** – See the attached yearly update on the Village of Chickasaw.
3. **Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact Jay Schwieterman at 419-733-6811.
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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com).

The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for December are as follows:

\$50 – Gary & Kari Prenger	\$30 – Dale & Lynn Homan
\$25 – Joe & Shirley Frey	\$25 – Lucy Bruns

8. **Marion Local Schools** – Groundwork began for the new building in December. They are working on the waterline construction. The community can follow along on the Marion Local Schools website [www.marionlocal.org/constructionproject](http://www.marionlocal.org/constructionproject). Also found on the website is the 2025-2026 school year calendar which was recently approved.

Lisa Buschur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m. Allison Moeller seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

### Board of Directors

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
Deb Otte, Secretary	419-305-4014
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Deb Otte, Coordinator	419-305-4014

### Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Lisa Buschur 419-305-0858
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Membership:	Allison Moeller 567-644-5207
Recreation:	Luke Bertke 419-953-6114

## 2025 MCDO Membership Form

### 2 Membership Form Options:

- Complete the online form at <http://marioncommunities.com>.
- Complete and mail the membership form below.

MCDO Membership Business \$60 / Family \$15			
Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Email:			
Phone:		Date:	

### 3 Payment Options:

- Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization
  - Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860
- Pay by Venmo - Username: @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg
  - (Please include "MCDO Membership" in Description)
- Pay by Paypal: [paypal.me/marioncommdeveloporg](https://paypal.me/marioncommdeveloporg)

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