



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 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Minutes were approved as read.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS     \$108,514.65**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$76,091.56
CD's	\$10,409.71
Pass Book	<u>\$22,013.38</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$108,514.65</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$22,647.36
General Fund - MCDO	\$16,547.04
Marion Soccer	\$3,992.28
Girls' Softball	\$4,359.85
ML FFA	\$16,003.83
Boys Baseball	\$12,394.16
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,906.30
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,500.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$364.80</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$108,514.65</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- December 15: Paul & Mary Gagel
- December 22: Alan & Nancy Winner
- December 29: Kevin & Laura Griesdorn
- January 5: Don & Diana Albers
- January 12: Art & Rosemary Prenger

Please remember that the Appreciation Party will be January 17, 2014, after the basketball game.

**MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

*We are beginning to collect for our 2014 Membership. You will find a 2014 Membership Form on the back of the minutes. We are making an effort to collect **all** memberships for 2014 during January, so thank you in advance for making your prompt payment. Thank you to those who have sent in their memberships already. We appreciate your support to the MCDO. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Barb Kahlig (419) 925-6301 or email to mcdo@bright.net if you have any questions.*

**HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters*

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Maria Stein American Legion on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12:00 PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Hope you have made lots of healthy New Year’s Resolutions! In case you haven’t, here is one to consider: Getting your lab work and or your vascular screenings checked to make sure you are staying healthy.

Mercer Health offers Patient Authorized Direct Access Testing as a way to provide convenient and often less expensive wellness and personal health management opportunities to the community. Laboratory tests and Vascular Screenings may be performed. These tests do not require a doctor’s order. Some of the laboratory tests include: Cholesterol, Thyroid Panel, PSA, Liver Panel and many more. Vascular Screenings include: Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aorta, and Peripheral Artery diseases screening. These vascular screenings are recommended for people over the age of 50. For more information please call: 419-678-5112 or visit [www.mercer-health.com](http://www.mercer-health.com) (click on “For Patients” and then “Patient Authorized Direct Access Testing”).

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2014!

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The Ag Ed Boosters have money available to Marion Local students for college scholarships and interest free loans. Students can use these loans to fund an Ag related business. At Their December meeting, the boosters discussed these programs and how they can make them more effective.

As a follow up to his December 2, Ag Solutions presentation, Glen Arnold conducted a luncheon meeting at the Korner Kafe on December 20. At this meeting, Glen, who is a nutrient applications specialist residing in Putnam county, shared the results of local tests plots to the farmers who provided the test sites. For a number of years he has been conducting tests in which liquid dairy or swine (primarily) manure is applied to growing crops. The results have been positive and Glen is planning additional trials during the 2014 growing season. The 2013 plots discussed at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting reflect Glen’s first trials in the watershed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing discussed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Annual Community Address and Awards Banquet will be held on March 30, 2014. Our Guest Speaker this year will be Keith Westrick. Keith moved into the Marion Community as an adult and became a successful teacher, coach, and community volunteer. Keith will share his experiences here and how they relate to us building an ever better community. Keith is an excellent speaker whose stories are humorous, interesting and informative. Tickets will be sold beginning in February. Please contact a Board member if you are interested in attending

## NKTelco Update

NKTelco continues to install required infrastructure and their General Manager Preston Meyer advises that some residents in the Marion Community will have fiber-optic communication available by sometime in late spring. They will continue with the infrastructure expansion until the communities of Chickasaw, Maria Stein and Osgood all have NKTelco services available.

## INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

The Industrial Park expansion continues to progress steadily. Business owners have already committed to purchasing several lots. Some lots still remain so if you have an interest in a place to build or expand, please contact Ron Puthoff with Community Development Services. His phone is (419) 305-7260, email - puthoff1@bright.net

## VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

**Chickasaw** – The recently completed income surveys reflect that the village of Chickasaw qualifies for grants to build a new water plant. Al Lochtefeld, President of the Chickasaw Board of Public Affairs, is putting together a committee which will coordinate the Design, Build, Procurement Process. This committee will be guided by the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP). The MCDO has agreed to be part of this committee.

**Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419-925-5810.

**Osgood** – No news this month

**Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.

**Marion Township** – No news this month

**Marion Township Park Board** – For information or concerns about the park, call Ron Hartings at 925-4804.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50, with a motion from Bob Unrast, seconded by Bob Dippold. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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**2014**  
**MCDO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Business Membership Dues: \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership Dues: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle any committees listed if you are interested:

MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION  
PARK AND RECREATION  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH/EDUCATION  
LAND PLANNING  
HOUSING

AG-DEVELOPMENT  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
TOURISM sub-committee

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860