



President, Jim Keller called the March meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on March 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting Minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$104,567.14

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$72,444.05
CD's	\$10,409.71
Pass Book	<u>\$22,713.38</u>
Total Assets	\$104,567.14

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$22,275.06
General Fund - MCDO	\$20,320.09
Marion Soccer	\$3,992.28
Girls' Softball	\$4,359.85
ML FFA	\$12,016.82
Boys Baseball	\$9,097.41
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,906.30
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$300.30</u>
Total Assets	\$104,567.14

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- February 16: Louie & Deb Heitkamp
- February 23: Dennis & Viola Mescher
- March 2: Kevin & Angie Otte
- March 9: Glenn & Mary Jo Schwieterman

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

COLLECTION OF 2014 MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to those who have sent in their memberships. As mentioned for the past few months, we are still collecting for the 2014 memberships. We still have quite a few members outstanding. Thank you for checking to see if you are up to date in your payment status. 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 Mercer Health on April 4, from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. Come donate & receive a free t-shirt. The Maria Stein American Legion will be also be having a blood drive on April 7, from 12:00PM – 6:00PM, donate & enter a drawing for 1 of 4 area restaurant \$25 gift cards courtesy of Leugers Insurance.

The Mercer Health Neighborhood Nurse will be at the Chickasaw Library on April 3, from 1:00PM – 3:00PM Free Blood Sugar testing (fasting for a minimum of 2 hours) and blood pressure checks are available. For more information please call 419-586-1220.

March is National Colon Cancer Month. Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the country. To reduce your risks the American Cancer Society recommends that adults get at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week, eat a diet rich in whole grains, fruits and vegetables and foods with folate more often, such as green leafy vegetables and reduce or quit use of tobacco.

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The February AG Ed Booster meeting was canceled due to bad weather. The boosters did approve via email, the purchase of a fifteen foot gate to serve as an entrance to a garden the students plan to cultivate this summer. The boosters also approved the purchase of a pie at the upcoming FFA banquet. The banquet is planned for Thursday evening March 20. If the ML Flyers play in the basketball tournament that evening, the banquet will be held on Sunday March 23.

A group from Ag Solutions is contemplating a trip to Reynolds, Indiana also known as Bio-Town USA. A facility there uses a digester and technology from Livestock Water Recycling to create energy and process manure in an environmentally friendly manner. Ohio US Senator Rob Portman will be meeting with folks involved with the Lake situation this Saturday (03/15) morning at the Wright State Lake Campus. Ag Solutions' and MCDO coordinator Jim Keller will attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

There's still time to buy tickets!! The Annual Community Address and Awards Banquet will be held on March 30, 2014 from 11:30 - 1:30 at the American Legion Hall. 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 leader. 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. The Distinguished Developer Awards will be given to Chickasaw Garage and OPPAC (Ohio Production Paint and Assembly Corp). Write-ups reflecting the history of these businesses and the community contributions they're making have been prepared. Tickets are being sold at this time, so please contact a Board member if you are interested in attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Dippold made a motion to allow one of our CD's to roll over at this time. Jean Bender seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

NKTelco Update

With the weather clearing up (hopefully) NKTelco plans to aggressively pursue the implementation of their service to our area.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

The park expansion continues to move forward with several business entities providing verbal commitments to purchase lots. On February 24th, Pat Nieberding signed an Option to Purchase extension agreement with the MCDO for the acreage. The MCDO is extremely grateful to the Nieberdings for their excellent cooperation.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The committee planning the construction of Chickasaw’s fresh water facility continues to meet. They are ready to send “Request for Qualifications” forms to a number of design-build firms.

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.

Marion Local School

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm, with a motion from Jean Bender, seconded by Bob Dippold. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

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Committee Chairpersons

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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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