



President, Jim Keller called the April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 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 Barb Kahlig. Don Rosenbeck moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$423,490.60

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$392,967.51
CD's	\$10,409.71
Pass Book	<u>\$20,113.38</u>
Total Assets	\$423,490.60

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$20,595.06
General Fund - MCDO	\$323,786.85
Marion Soccer	\$3,992.28
Girls' Softball	\$10,504.85
ML FFA	\$17,114.98
Boys Baseball	\$15,093.19
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,804.06
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$300.30</u>
Total Assets	\$423,490.60

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| April 13: Sam & Sandy Hartke | April 27: Terry & Joan Thwaites |
| April 20: Urban & Lucille Berning | May 4: Larry & Laurie Feltz |
| | May 11: Mark Griesdorn |

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to those who have sent in their memberships. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Barb Kahlig (419) 925-6301 or email to mcdo@bright.net if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

BUSINESS RETENTION & DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Tony Kaiser

Tony Kaiser presented an assessment for development in the Marion Community based on home loan activity in the past three years at Osgood State Bank. Additionally, Tony recommended reinstating MCDO luncheons with various speakers as an opportunity to improve collaboration and networking with local businesses.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at Mercer Health West campus on May 30, from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. There will also be a blood drive at the Maria Stein Knights of St John Hall on June 2, from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Mercer Health Lab introduces Vitamin D screening as a part of Patient Authorized Direct Access Testing. Starting immediately, Mercer Health will offer Vitamin D screening as a part of the Patient Authorized Direct Access Testing. The 25-hydroxy vitamin D test is the most accurate way to measure how much vitamin D is in the body. In the kidney, 25-hydroxy vitamin D changes into an active form of the vitamin. The active form of the vitamin D helps control calcium and phosphate levels.

Low levels of 25-hydroxy vitamin D, may mean that you are not getting enough sun exposure or enough dietary vitamin D to meet your body’s demand or that there is a problem with absorption from the intestines. There is increasing evidence that vitamin D deficiency may increase the risk of some cancers, immune disease and some cardiovascular disease. For more information about Patient Authorized Direct Access Testing, please call 419-678-5122.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Jim Keller presented the Ag Report on behalf of Mark Hardesty. Jim informed us that the Ag Ed Council met with the Marion Local Board of Education to discuss a multi-purpose building to be used by the Agriculture Education Students for growing plants and raising animals as part of their learning experience. All are welcome at the monthly Ag Boosters meeting which is held beginning at 8pm on the third Monday of the month in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom.

Ag Solutions did not conduct an April meeting. However, Mercer County has hired an Ag Extension Agent, Denny Riethman, who is retiring from his Coldwater Ag Teacher position. Denny will be an excellent addition as he has been recognized by the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators as NAAE Region IV Outstanding Teacher.

OLD BUSINESS:

Please see the Industrial Park update below.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Keller introduced Tony Kaiser who is the new Business Retention and Development Chairperson. Tony is the President of Osgood State Bank, and he, his wife and three children reside in Coldwater. Jim also introduced Shannon Everman who is replacing Barb Kahlig. Shannon, Craig and their four children live here in Maria Stein. Barb and Shannon are working together on the training and the full transition for Shannon is anticipated to be by the end of June. The MCDO is fortunate to have these two very educated, accomplished individuals join our team. We also wish Barb Kahlig all the best in her new appointment as the Secretary of Marion Local Schools. She did a great job as our administrator for many years. Thanks Barb!!

The Marion Local Band Boosters contacted the MCDO for an advertisement in the Band Calendar for the 2014 – 2015 School Year. A motion for the ad was approved by Bob Unrast. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Marion Local Athletic Program contacted the MCDO for an advertisement in the Athletic Program for the 2014 - 2015 School Year. A motion for the ad was approved by John Bruns. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

NKTELCO Update

We were unable to reach NKTELCO for a current update however it appears that they continue to progress with their installation throughout the Marion Community.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

The MCDO borrowed money from the Osgood State Bank to purchase land from Pat and Nancy Nieberding. The purchase of 22.7 acres was finalized on May 7th. Ron Puthoff is coordinating the sales of the lots. Any funds remaining after the Osgood loan and all expenses have been paid will be used to reduce the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) loan. This approach will allow tax revenue to flow to our school and other entities quicker. Since some time will elapse before the ground leveling and infrastructure installation will begin, Bob Unrast recommended that the township spray the weeds on the property so that they do not take over the rest of the Industrial Park area.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – There was a RCAP meeting on May 1st, and Roberta Acosta, Chair of Ohio RCAP, out of the Toledo area was in attendance for the discussion of the water field and tower in the Industrial Park area.

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 – The Township has been intimately involved in the Industrial park expansion.

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

Marion Local School – The School is in need of coaching staff for various athletic programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm, with a motion from Don Rosenbeck, seconded by Jean Bender. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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Business Retention & Dev.:	Tony Kaiser 419-790-9171
Health, Safety & Education:	Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
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