



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 13, 2015, 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. Don Rosenbeck seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$116,563.22

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$82,784.61
CD's	\$10,438.36
Pass Book	<u>\$23,340.25</u>
Total Assets	\$116,563.22

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$23,461.33
General Fund - MCDO	\$24,703.86
Marion Soccer	\$5,064.55
Girls' Softball	\$4,229.64
ML FFA	\$10,110.49
Boys Baseball	\$7,504.44
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,436.28
Ag Ed Boosters	\$23,662.53
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	\$300.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,271.93
Total Assets	\$116,563.22

Additionally, the 2015 Budget was presented and reviewed by Shannon Everman. Bob Unrast moved to approve the 2015 Budget report and Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE / MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke/Ron Hartings

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- December 14: Jim & Rose Ann Keller
- December 21: Larry & Lynne Reichert
- December 28: Tom Thwaits
- January 4: Pleiman Landscaping
- January 11: Kevin & Lori Albers

The Park Fund Ticket Winners are as follows:

- January: Joan Alexander - \$50
- John & Irene Bruns - \$30
- Howard Bruggeman - \$25
- Tillie Elking - \$25

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2015 Membership Drive is underway! The new 2015 Forms can be found at <http://marioncommunities.com/mcdo-membership.htm>. Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to admin@marioncommunities.com if you have any questions about the status of your membership. We greatly appreciate your support!

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

January is National Blood Donor Month. Thank you to all who have donated the gift of life. The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department/Franklin Township building on Tuesday, January 20 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

The common cold, including chest cold and head cold, and seasonal flu are caused by viruses. Flu symptoms are similar to cold symptoms, but include fever, headache and muscle soreness. See a doctor who may prescribe antiviral medications. To help protect yourself and prevent spread of cold and flu viruses:

- Wash hands frequently.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or inside the bend of your elbow if you don't have a tissue.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth. This prevents germs from entering your body.
- Wash and disinfect any shared surfaces (like phones and keyboards) frequently.
- Get a flu vaccine every year.
- Eat healthy foods to nourish your immune system, such as dark green, red, and yellow vegetables and fruits.
- Also, regular exercise may boost the immune system. People who exercise regularly tend to get fewer colds.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters have extensively discussed the needs for an Ag building at the school which would enhance the learning experience of our Ag students. This project has been temporarily put on hold while a recently formed Marion Local Facilities Committee looks at how the building space at Marion Local can best meet the needs of our students. Representatives from the Ag Education Program, Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, and the Marion Local Board of Education are on the committee.

All are welcome at the monthly Ag Boosters meeting which is held at 8pm on the third Monday of the month in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2015.

Ag Solutions held a meeting on January 5, 2015. Dr. Warren Dick from the Ohio State University in Wooster informed the group of the attributes of gypsum and the benefits of its use. Dan Peerless with Greenleaf Advisors supports Dr. Dick and has been working with him in NW Ohio. Twelve fields in the Maumee watershed are being monitored. Additionally, Dan has made a couple of trips to the area and has met with some folks to acquire trial sites. Ideally trial fields would have two tile outlets. All variables need to be constant across the site with the exception that the control portion will be treated with one ton of gypsum per acre. Greenleaf pays for the gypsum and all testing. They need access to the tiles for sampling. The field should test for 50 lbs per acre of P or higher. The trial can be performed on corn, beans or alfalfa fields. Dan is seeking farmers with field(s) meeting the criteria to allow Greenleaf to perform gypsum application trials on them. Ag Solutions strongly encourages farmers to coordinate a trial on their farm since the results of all trials to date are very promising. Please contact Dan Peerless direct at (203) 823-5462, email - DPeerless@greenleafadvisors.net for further information. You can also visit their website <http://greenleafadvisors.net/servicesectors/land/gypsoil-watershed/>.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a future date.

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the Maria Stein American Legion. Our keynote speaker this year will be Milt Miller. Milt is the manager of the Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Commission (LRC). Milt has worked diligently with the MCDO and Ag Solutions to implement solutions that are acceptable to all involved. He will update us on lake restoration efforts both past and future. He always brings a unique perspective and a wry sense of humor to any issue. The annual Distinguished Developer Awards will be presented to Huelsman Automotive and Maria Stein Family Practice. A delicious lunch will be served – please mark your calendars for the event!

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Unrast, housing committee chairperson, continues to explore possibilities for additional housing in the Marion community.

Don Rosenbeck provided an update for the Shrine of the Holy Relics. A gracious donor has recently provided financial sponsorship to renovate the Heritage Museum. There will be all new pieces along with audio-visual effects to enhance the experience of the museum visit. This is very exciting for the Shrine and the anticipated Grand Opening will be CountryFest 2015!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The village continues to seek funding for their Water Project.

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

Osgood – No update this month.

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

Marion Township – The township anticipates road paving to continue when the weather breaks this Spring.

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

Marion Local School – Property value assessments have boosted the district’s valuation by more than \$27 million. This increase resulted in a reduction in property tax millage to continue collecting the same rate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast, seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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2015 MCDO Membership Form

Business Membership \$60.00 _____		Family Membership \$15.00 _____	
Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deduction:		_____	
Name: _____		Date: _____	
Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____		Email: _____	

***Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization
Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065***

Please circle any committees listed if you are interested:

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| MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION | HEALTH/EDUCATION | BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT |
| AG-DEVELOPMENT | LAND PLANNING | HOUSING |
| PARK AND RECREATION | INFRASTRUCTURE | |