



President, Jim Keller called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on July 14, 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 Shannon Everman. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$118,960.15**

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$89,377.78	Recreation Fund	\$22,540.71
CD's	\$10,449.64	General Fund - MCDO	\$31,186.77
Pass Book	<u>\$19,132.73</u>	Marion Soccer	\$9,174.55
Total Assets	\$118,960.15	Girls' Softball	\$1,301.18
		ML FFA	\$10,033.85
		Boys Baseball	\$3,904.83
		AS Promo	\$3,817.87
		AG Solutions	\$2,436.28
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$23,268.59
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
		ML Bowling	\$300.30
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$5,995.22
		Total Assets	\$118,960.15

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 7:	Skip & Lori Homan	June 14:	Gary & Karen Prenger
June 21:	Ernie & Freda Hartings	June 28:	Dan & Lisa Gross
July 5:	Alan & Tammy Wolters	July 12:	Scott & Marlene Livingston

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle are as follows:

\$50 – Art & Joyce Moeller

\$30 – CJ & Kelly Brookhart

\$25 – Cary & Carol Hartings

\$25 – Honk Bruns

The Marion Township Park Board oversees the maintenance and development of the Marion Township Park. Thank you for your continued support!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all those who have joined the MCDO for 2015! We greatly appreciate your support! 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.

HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

Safety Tips for Campfires

- ❖ When building a fire, start with dry twigs and small sticks. Add larger sticks as the fire builds up. Put the largest pieces of wood on last, pointing them toward the center of the fire, and gradually push them into the flames.
- ❖ Never use flammable liquids to ignite or keep your fire burning.
- ❖ Keep campfires small and do not let them get out of hand.
- ❖ Stack extra firewood upwind, away from the fire.
- ❖ Never allow children or pets near the fire and do not leave them unsupervised.
- ❖ Teach kids how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. Have a fire extinguisher on hand for emergencies.
- ❖ Keep plenty of water nearby and have a shovel for throwing sand on the fire if it gets out of control.
- ❖ Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could quickly cause the fire to spread.
- ❖ When extinguishing the fire, drown it with water. Make sure all embers, coals, and sticks are wet.
- ❖ Never run out of marshmallows!

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

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 July 20, 2015.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2015, there will be a demonstration held on Lou Brown's Farm in New Bremen, Ohio. Brown is hosting Quasar Energy Group in search of a solution to the phosphorus issue in the Grand Lake Region. Quasar received a \$2.2 million grant for a research project that has its focus on a giant centrifuge designed to spin phosphorus out of manure. Please consider attending this demo!

There will be a Manure Science Review held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at Mississinawa Valley High School in Union City, Ohio. This year's program addresses planning to utilize manure nutrients effectively and research results from edge of field and side-dress studies. Field demonstration highlights include the Subsurfer poultry litter injector, smoking subsurface tile drainage, and much more. Early registration cost (prior to August 4) is \$25 and after August 4 is \$30. For more information or to register, contact Mary Wicks at wicks.14@osu.edu or 330.202.3533.

Ag Solutions did not conduct a meeting in June and, as a reminder, have cancelled all formal summer meetings unless a significant topic arises.

The next meeting will be held at a future date to be announced.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mindy Kremer, Senior Director of Marketing and Development for Mercer Health, is scheduled as the Guest Speaker for a business luncheon on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Ms. Kremer will likely discuss the history of Mercer Health, the impact it has on this particular area, and the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care). More details on the luncheon to follow!

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO discussed the quarterly newsletter that is distributed to the Marion Community members. In order to keep up with the changing technology and audiences, the MCDO is exploring options for distribution. More information will be provided at a later date.

Jim Keller discussed the purchase of a projector for the monthly Ag Solution meetings. The projector will also be used for MCDO meetings and special events. This will ease the burden of trying to locate one for use at these events.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The Water Committee has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

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

Osgood – No new report.

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

Marion Township – There has been a delay in road paving due to the weather.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

Marion Local Schools – The Summer shutdown was Monday, June 29 through Sunday, July 12. The Board met on July 13, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck, seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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