



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

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$125,073.38**

| <i>Asset Allocations</i> | | <i>Funding Allocations</i> | |
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| Checking | \$93,636.22 | Recreation Fund | \$22,503.96 |
| CD's | \$10,459.43 | General Fund - MCDO | \$29,691.34 |
| Pass Book | \$20,977.73 | Marion Soccer | \$9,036.77 |
| Total Assets | \$125,073.38 | Girls' Softball | \$1,301.18 |
| | | ML FFA | \$15,251.57 |
| | | Boys Baseball | \$7,190.28 |
| | | AS Promo | \$3,817.87 |
| | | AG Solutions | \$1,716.30 |
| | | 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 | \$125,073.38 |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| September 13: Paul & Beck Bruns | October 4: Eric & Pam Eyink |
| September 20: Pleiman Landscaping | October 11: Don Bernard |
| September 27: Phil & Anne Thobe | |

The 301 Club recently approved donations to the Baseball, Acme, and Girls' Softball Programs.

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

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

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| \$50 – Dale & Diane Wolters | \$30 – David & Jean Thobe |
| \$25 – Nick & Amy Pierron | \$25 – John & Julie Berning |

Thanks to all the members continuing their support of the Marion Township Park!

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

Local Kiwanis Clubs and Mercer Health to hold Healthy Kids Day for all county children

Mercer Health, in cooperation with the Coldwater and Celina Kiwanis, will be conducting their 11th annual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, October 24th, at the Coldwater High School Auditoria, from 10:00AM until 12:30PM. A wide variety of screenings and activities have been planned. Everything offered is free and open to the public.

In addition to the screenings, many safety displays will offer interactive education for the children including fire, poison, electrical and bicycle safety. The Fire Safety Smoke House, a fire truck and an ambulance will be available for tours.

Mercer Health's Fall Lab Fest to be held on Saturday, October 31

Mercer Health's Fall Lab Fest will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 7:00AM to 10:00AM at Mercer County Community Hospital. Mercer Health's Fall Lab Fest offers a variety of blood tests provided conveniently and at economical prices. In addition to lab tests, flu shots will be offered and free colorectal cancer test kits will be available. For more information about Mercer Health's Fall Lab Fest, visit <http://www.mercer-health.com/events/fall-lab-fest-0>

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Jim Keller is pursuing some ideas on how to provide more robust leadership to Ag Solutions. Since its beginning in 2011, Ag Solutions has been coordinated by the MCDO. The mission of Ag Solutions is: *To identify and eliminate, through the use of technology and environmentally sound farming practices, agricultural factors that are negatively affecting Grand Lake St. Marys, while also enhancing the vibrant, prosperous farming economy that is an integral part of the local community.*

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

The Ag Ed Booster's next meeting will be held Monday, October 19th, 2015 at 8pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited!

OLD BUSINESS:

There were four real estate transfers to area residents in the Marion Acres Development on State Route 716. Thank you again to Rockford Construction Services for working with the community in the local housing developments!

The MCDO Quarterly Newsletters were distributed the first week of October showcasing many area businesses and their expansions. The MCDO hopes that the new color format was well-received!

NEW BUSINESS:

WOODVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION: RAPID Development from Fort Loramie has received approval from both the county and township for the layout of plats and infrastructure in a new development. This development consists of 25 wooded lots and is located east of SR716 and just south of Marion Acres. Purchasers of lots can choose their preferred contractor. The MCDO extends a hearty welcome to RAPID and thanks them for their venture into the Marion Community.

The Marion Industrial Park Association will host its annual meeting on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Marion Township Building. The MCDO, along with all of the new and existing Industrial Park Businesses, was invited to review the park's improvement and maintenance items as well as other updates required for discussion.

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| VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS |
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Chickasaw – No new report.

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 – No new report.

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

Marion Local Schools – No new report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

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| Jim Keller, President | 419-925-4764 |
| Shannon Everman, Secretary | 419-925-5707 |
| Jean Bender, Treasurer | 419-925-4254 |
| Elaine Pierron | 419-925-5704 |
| Coordinator: Jim Keller | 419-925-4764 |

Committee Chairpersons

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| Agricultural Development: | Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212 |
| Business Retention & Dev.: | Tony Kaiser, 419-582-2681 |
| Health, Safety & Education: | Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620 |
| Housing: | Bob Unrast 419-925-4151 |
| Infrastructure: | Open |
| Land Use: | Open |
| Membership: | Bob Dippold 419-305-0128 |
| Recreation: | Kirk Stucke: 419-733-6261 |