



President, Jim Keller called the February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting Minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$148,112

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$111,521
CD's	\$15,613
Savings	<u>\$20,978</u>
Total Assets	\$148,112

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$21,188
General Fund – MCDO	\$30,132
Marion Soccer	\$9,406
Girls' Softball	\$11,088
ML FFA	\$15,076
Boys Baseball	\$11,626
AS Promo	\$3,818
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,252
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$225
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,195
Woods Chapel	\$7,606
Total Assets	\$148,112

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

January 15:	Ron & Jackie Arling	January 29:	Jesse & Diane Alexander
January 22:	Werner & Elaine Heckman	February 5:	Brian & Karla Eckstein

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle will be provided in next month’s meeting minutes. Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2017 Membership Drive is underway! Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. The membership form is included in this packet. 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 continued support!**

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at Briarwood Village on Friday, February 24 from 12:00PM – 5:00PM and at Maria Stein American Legion on Monday, March 6 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Mercer Healthy Living Expo will be held Saturday, March 4th, 2017 at the Galleria in Celina from 8:00AM – 11:00AM. Several exhibits will be present from local organizations and also discounted health screenings.

How to Bake Lighter Versions of Your Own Recipes

- Substitute whole-wheat flour for up to half of the white flour called for in the recipe.
- Make muffins using oatmeal, bran, or whole-wheat flour.
- Reduce the fat by ¼ (if a recipe calls for 1 cup of oil, use ¾ cup). You can also reduce the sugar by ¼.
- If making sweet breads, such as banana bread or zucchini bread, cut the oil in half and replace with an equal amount of applesauce, mashed banana, or even canned pumpkin.
- If a recipe calls for nuts, use half the amount and toast the nuts (whole, not chopped). This intensifies the flavor and saves on calories.
- Replace half the eggs with egg whites, using 2 egg whites per egg. (If a recipe calls for 2 eggs, use 1 whole egg and 2 egg whites).

By making a few, simple changes you can reduce the amount of sugar, fat and calories in your favorite recipes without sacrificing the taste.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters held an event on January 12th, 2017 called “When to Expand One’s Agricultural Operation” with Guest Speaker, Chris Bruynis. Chris Bruynis is a farm business expert at the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University. He is also the Agriculture and Natural Resource Director in Ross County, Ohio. He touched on various topics pertinent to the agricultural expansion, including trade policies and land pricing. The event had a great turnout and your support was much appreciated!

The Marion Local FFA, in collaboration with the St. Henry FFA, will be taking over the Pork Producer’s Stand at the Mercer County Fair. The Marion Local FFA will be responsible for the maintenance of the financial bookkeeping so an additional line item will be shown on Page 1 of the minutes in the near future.

The Ag Ed Boosters approved the purchase of microscopes and cameras for the Ag Science Program. Matt Elsass and the Ag Ed Students are very excited for the delivery and use of the equipment to enhance their learning process!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, February 20th, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The Safe Routes to School Program Consultants are preparing their final draft of the School Travel Plan and the information will be sent to the Marion Local Schools Administration and the MCDO the week of February 13th.

The Annual MCDO Awards Banquet has been scheduled for Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 at the Maria Stein American Legion. The Guest Speaker is Warren Davidson, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Ohio's 8th District. The award winners will be announced in the March minutes. Please mark your calendars!

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chapel Hill Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Monday, February 13th, 2017. The Advisory Board is meeting to discuss 2017-2018 Enrollment, Tuition Rates, the Updated Schedule for 2016-2017, and the current financial status. Enrollment for new students begins March 1st.

The MCDO is hosting a Business Luncheon on Wednesday, March 15th, 2017 at 12:00pm in the Marion Township Building. Cost to attend is \$5.00 which includes a delicious lunch. Guest Speaker is Deb Hemmelgarn from Mercer Health. She will be discussing the new addition to Mercer Health and its impact on the community. Join us to learn about this expansion which will improve the already outstanding medical care we have in our area. Please RSVP to Shannon Everman by Wednesday, March 7th at admin@marioncommunities.com or 419-925-5707.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The EPA has advised Chickasaw that the water being discharged from their sanitary lagoon system does not meet clean water standards. The Chickasaw Board of Public Affairs is working directly with the EPA to resolve the issue, while they search for a new part time person to facilitate their sewage treatment plant.

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 8:10 p.m., with a motion from Elaine Wolters and seconded by Don Rosenbeck. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

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Committee Chairpersons

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Land Use:	Open
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2017 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***