



President, Ted Bertke called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on December 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting minutes that include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given by Shannon Everman. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$300,835

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$267,854
CD's	\$16,639
Savings	\$16,342
Total Assets	\$300,835

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$18,167
General Fund – MCDO	\$35,844
Marion Soccer	\$17,119
Girls' Softball	\$13,822
ML FFA	\$23,146
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$30,568
Boys Baseball	\$20,902
Ag Ed Boosters	\$33,923
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,646
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$15,432
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$2,078
Multi-Use Path	\$31,084
Fundamental League	\$5,312
Carthage Park	\$50,292
Total Assets	\$300,835

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

November 15: Kevin & Lori Albers	December 6: China & Rita Griesdorn
November 22: Marlene Dahlinghaus	December 13: Harry & Marge Heitkamp
November 29: Brad & Angie Knapke	

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

Please follow Marion Township Park on [Facebook \(Marion Township Park\)](#) and on [Twitter \(@MarionTwpPark\)](#). You can also contact us through email: mariontwppk@gmail.com. The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for December are:

- Beth Streib - \$50
- Ted & Amy Winner - \$30
- Jason & Becky Ranly - \$25
- Jason & Abby Bruns - \$25

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2022 MCDO Membership Drive begins in January. Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. You can pay by cash, check or Venmo. The Venmo username is @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg and a screenshot is shown. Please include “MCDO Membership” in the description. 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. The 2022 membership form is also included in with the minutes.



HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The Maria Stein American Legion will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, January 3rd from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please register online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

There is a COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Clinic at Mercer Health on Thursday, December 30 and Thursday, January 13. Criteria must be met according to CDC guidelines to qualify for the booster vaccine. Appointments are required and may be made by calling 419-678-5395.

There continues to be a Walk-in COVID-19 clinic at Mercer Health every Tuesday from 9:00AM – 10:00AM and from 5:00PM -6:00PM. Appointments can be made by calling 419-678-5395, but are not required.

The Mercer County Health Department is administering Pediatric COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11. Please call 419-586-3251, Option 2 for more information or to register your child.

Mental Health Matters

While the holidays are supposed to be a time of joy and celebration, for many people, that is not the case, According to the American Psychological Association, 36% of people surveyed said their stress increased during the holiday season. Planning ahead with a few simple tips can ensure that you prioritize your mental health to keep the holiday blues at bay.

- Take a breather and make some time for yourself, even if it is just 15 minutes.
- Do not abandon healthy habits. Overindulgence will add to stress and guilt.
- Stick to a budget. Before you shop for food and gifts, decide how much money you want to spend.
- Express gratitude. Focus on staying positive and avoiding negative conversations.
- Reach out. Despite your best efforts, if you feel persistent sadness or anxiety, call your Doctor or mental health provider.

HOUSING

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has four building lots available. The lots are between .381 and .711 acres starting at \$28,500 and include village water and sewage. Contact Tess Mescher for more information at 419-305-0106.

The Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Heitkamp Developers has two additional lots in Marion Acres for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

RCS Construction has lots along Washington Avenue North available for sale and new home construction. For information on all lots available for sale in Marion Acres, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on FFA and Ag Boosters. Theresa Dirksen is hosting an Ag Solutions meeting on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marion Township Building. Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith, OSU will provide information on the Livestock Integration Research, Rick Johnson will provide an update on Manure Nutrient Recovery Research, Eric Barger will provide an update on Bargertech, and there will be various other updates from the Grand Lake area. The Versailles FFA hosted a Family Farm Safety Program on Monday, December 13th. In addition to the education of farm safety, air monitoring devices and safety harnesses were provided to each of the participants to be used on farms with grain bins, silos (gases), and manure pits. The Ag Boosters has scheduled Jordan Hoewischer of the Ohio Farm Bureau as the guest speaker for their annual 2022 event at the Maria Stein American Legion. More information on the date and time will be provided! The ML FFA has been very busy with another successful cheese sales fundraiser, making tie blankets for the area nursing homes, having 10 ML FFA students attend an Ohio FFA Association Leadership event in Coldwater, and various other activities.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Founders Brick Pledge program has reached its initial pledge goal for Phase I of the Marion Township Greenway, as pledges continue to be donated in the next couple of years. We are still accepting initial pledge donations through December 31st, 2021 to finish the fundraiser, and as we plan for Phase II of the Marion Township Greenway. You can donate at www.marioncommunities.com. Thank you for all your support!

OTHER

The Marion Community Land Development, LLC owns 80 acres to the North of the existing Industrial Park for a Phase IV expansion of the Industrial Park. There is only one lot available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 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: _____ (to be used for minutes distribution)	

***Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization
Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065
Pay by Venmo - Username: @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg
(Please include "MCDO Membership" in Description)***

Thank you for all your support in 2021! Merry Christmas to you and your family!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – No new information to 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 information to report.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

Marion Local Schools – The new addition will be ready for January 3rd – the first day back to school after the holiday break.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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