



President, Ted Bertke called the January meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on January 17, 2023 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 Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<b>CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$281,007</b>	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$237,680			Recreation Fund	\$29,105
CD's	\$16,748			General Fund – MCDO	\$38,039
Savings	\$26,579			Marion Soccer	\$17,402
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$281,007</b>			Girls' Softball	\$6,892
				ML FFA	\$17,888
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$28,035
				Boys Baseball	\$18,979
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,405
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
				ML Bowling	\$1,873
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$15,953
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
				Multi-Use Path	\$62,122
				Fundamental League	\$5,959
				Youth Basketball	\$1,061
				Carthagen Park	\$2,540
				<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$281,007</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 19: Adam Bertke	January 9: Kendra Rose
December 26: Tyler & Katie Speelman	January 16: Ron & Jayne Brunswick
January 2: Randy & Jennifer Bruns	

### 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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for January are:

\$50 – Doug & Jane Meyer	\$25 – Maria Rethman
\$30 – Art & Joyce Moeller	\$25 – Pam Stucke

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

The 2023 Membership Drive has begun and the new membership form is included below. Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to: [admin@marioncommunities.com](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com) if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur*

Mercer Health Marion Campus construction has begun with a completion date of Fall 2023.

Effective Jan 1, the testing center at Mercer Health North Main will no longer be doing respiratory illness testing for influenza, COVID, strep, ect. These test will be done in physician offices as well as Doctors Urgent Care.

Mercer Health announced a new partnership with Community Blood Center (CBC), a regional blood bank providing blood products to 30 partner hospitals and health centers in western Ohio and eastern Indiana. Mercer Health's Blood Bank, located within Mercer County Community Hospital, will be solely supplied by blood collected at Community Blood Center blood drives. Mindy Kremer, VP of Development, Marketing and Community Relations at Mercer Health states, "Our community has a history of being generous blood donors. We encourage donors to consider giving at local blood drives sponsored by Community Blood Center as this will ensure our inventory stays replenished as Community Blood Center is the sole blood supplier for Mercer Health."

Donors can make an appointment to donate at [www.DonorTime.com](http://www.DonorTime.com), call (937) 461-3220 or use the Donor Time app. For more information about Community Blood Center visit [www.GivingBlood.org](http://www.GivingBlood.org).

## **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 the FFA and Ag Solutions. The Ag Boosters will be hosting speaker Jeff Sullivan from Elanco on February 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Financial Life Center. He will be discussing sustainability and carbon credits as well as mitigation of carbon issues. The event is open to the public. The FFA group is working on State Degrees, Proficiency Awards, Public Speaking as well as preparing for the upcoming FFA week events.

In the Ag Solutions side, there were Three Clean Ohio applications were submitted at the beginning of January and the announcement of the awards will be made in March. Approximately 30 acres would be acquired in various locations throughout the GLSM watershed if the funding is approved. The outlook pier at Burntwood-Langenkamp Wetland Conservation Area is installed. The railing still needs to be installed and the signs are currently being fabricated.

The next Ag Booster Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited!

## OTHER BUSINESS:

As a reminder, for all Zoning Permits in Marion Township, please contact Ted Nagel at 567-644-8986.

The 2023 Budget was presented by Shannon Everman. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the budget. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Uppie Berning's most recent publication incorporates that great sense of pride for Maria Stein and Marion Local Schools. The book is a compendium of documents, articles, reflections and photos underlining the success of his hometown from the 1830s to present. There are only a few still available and can be purchased at Leuger's Insurance in Maria Stein.

Aaron Broering presented his experience at Ohio Business Week. Aaron has been able to attend the event in both 2021 and 2022 and he valued his experience considerably. Because of his ability to participate in Ohio Business Week during high school, he was able to place in the Top 20 out of 152 in his First Year Integrated Core (FYIC) curriculum at Miami University this year. While Marion Local does provide Career Planning and Accounting courses, the Ohio Business Week opportunity allowed Aaron to gain expanded learning experience in Marketing, Finance and Management applications. He definitely appreciated the opportunity to attend thanks to the MCDO and Moeller Door Sales and strongly encouraged students to attend this event. Ohio Business Week will be held June 18 – 24, 2023 at Bowling Green State University. As in the past, the MCDO will sponsor Marion Local Student Attendee(s). Please contact Mrs. Dippold or Mrs. Mueller if you are interested in attending Ohio Business Week in 2023.

## VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

**Chickasaw** – No new information to report.

**Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Dianna Gerlach at 419-305-3228.

**Osgood** – No new information to 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 Task Force met on January 16, 2023 and it was a very successful meeting. Please see a task force member for more information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next MCDO meeting will be held in February with a date yet to be determined based on board member availability. Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

### Board of Directors

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Shannon Everman, Coordinator	419-925-5707

### Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Lisa Buschur 419-305-0858
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation:	Matt Homan 419-953-2063

## 2023 MCDO Membership Form

Business Membership \$60.00 _____	Family Membership \$15.00 _____	
Name: _____	Date: _____	
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____ <b>(PLEASE send updated addresses!)</b>	

***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)***



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