



MCDO MISSION STATEMENT

The Marion Community Development Organization (MCDO) is an organization under the laws of the State of Ohio, not-for-profit. The mission of the organization shall be to act as a coordinating body to assist local organizations meet the changing needs of the Marion Community through planned development while maintaining its agricultural profile. The activities will be directed toward, but not limited to, development of infrastructure, housing, family care, education, small business, recreation, and agriculture.

President, Ted Bertke called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 8th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jean Bender presented the financial report. Allison Moeller made a motion to accept the financial report. Lisa Buschur seconded it. It was approved. The report for the month ending April 30, 2025, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: \$320,737

<i>Cash Summaries</i>		<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$278,801	Recreation Fund	\$25,818
CD's	\$17,465	General Fund – MCDO	\$37,925
Savings	\$24,471	Marion Soccer	\$9,725
Total Cash	\$320,737	Girls' Softball	\$9,052
		ML FFA	\$31,511
		ML FFA Pork Producers	\$9,807
		Boys Baseball	\$35,109
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,059
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$836
		ML Bowling	\$431
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,714
		Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$798
		Multi-Use Path	\$64,101
		Fundamental League	\$9,608
		Girls Youth Basketball	\$1,373
		Boys Youth Basketball	\$2,702
		Carthagen Park	\$27,168
		Total Organization Funds	\$320,737

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 21: Ian Kramer

April 28: Kurt & Amy Goettemoeller

May 5: Paul & Mary Gagel

2. MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson –Allison Moeller*

To all of the families and businesses who supported the Marion Community Development Organization in 2024 through your annual membership, thank you! We appreciate your commitment to our community. Every membership is invested locally, for the benefit of all current and future residents and generations! There is still time to renew your membership or become a new member for 2025. Please see a link to the membership form on this email. We would appreciate your support in 2025!

3. 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.

Dan Jutte has a development underway off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on the available lots.

Osgood is moving forward with development of land on the west end of town off State Route 705. This development is to the north of the current OPPAC building and the Osgood Community Veterans Center being built currently. It also borders and has lots off Mendenhall Road. Lot prices have not been set yet, but the village expects sales of land to be ready to take place first quarter of 2025. Please contact any of the Osgood Town Council representatives listed below for more information. Steve Kramer 937-621-1096, Ron Lange 937-670-2302, Rob Kemper 937-417-6632, Jim Arling 937-467-1632, Dan Brown 419-953-6416, Beth Winner 419-305-3444, Kate Langenkamp 419-305-5748, Lisa Beasley 937-638-4673, villageofosgood@hotmail.com

4. HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SAFETY: *Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur*

As the weather outside gets nice, please be mindful and watch out for kids, bicycles, walkers crossing the area roads, especially near school and parks.

Take charge of your heart health with Mercer Health's Heart Score CT scans. Heart disease often progresses silently, but early detection can make all the difference. This advanced, non-invasive Heart Score CT scan provides a personalized "score" to help assess your risk and guide proactive care. Tests are available at Mercer Country Community Hospital in Coldwater. This scan is self-pay, no provider order required, and cost \$80. Call 419-678-5112 to schedule.

Babysitting classes will be offered this summer at Mercer Health for children 10-12 year old. This is a blended course of online and in-class sessions. This class teaches how to care for infants and children and teaches safety skills, including CPR and first aid. Registration is now open, see website: <http://mercer-health.com/babysittertraining-class-registration/>

5. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: *Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The FFA Chapter will be at the Celina Farmers Market on May 17th from 9-11 am with a craft for children.

The work release program hosted a cookout for work release students and their employers on Friday, May 9th. The ag science program would like to thank employers for mentoring our students! Below are some pictures from our recent trip to the FFA State Convention.

The next Ag Booster Meeting is on May 19th in the agricultural science classroom at Marion Local.



OTHER BUSINESS:

No new business to report.

VILLAGES, TOWNSHIP, PARKS, & SCHOOL REPORTS:

1. **Carthage Park Report** – To reserve the park please call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.
2. **Chickasaw** – No new information to report.
3. **Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact AJ Homan at 419-733-1171.
4. **Osgood** – No new information to report.
5. **Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718.
6. **Marion Township** – No new information to report.
7. **Marion Township Park Board Report** – 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 February are as follows:

\$50 – Dan Wynn

\$30 – Jay & Sharon Thobe

\$25 – Nick & Tonya Pavelka

\$25 – Jeff & Jeanna Heitkamp

8. **Marion Local Schools** – Marion Local Schools approved the purchase of 2 - 2025 Ford Transit Vans to help reduce the need for a bus driver to events that only have a small group attending. Van drivers will need to be certified in order to haul students; however, the certification process is much easier than bus certification.

The proposed State funding model drastically changes the amount of anticipated revenue for schools all across the state. The funding plan must be finalized by the June 30 deadline for the General Assembly to pass a new 2-year budget. The impact to Marion Local significantly changes the 5-year outlook, making it difficult to prepare any long-term projections past the 2-year timeframe. The hope is that the proposed 30% carryover cap will be increased to a more reasonable percentage.

Jean Bender made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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