

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

October 26, 2015
Garvey Senior Activity Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Cindy Williams, Chair, Linda Fry, Teresa Howard, Deborah Johnstone, Janet Kellam, Gail Murdock, Juanita Nether, Norma Pipkin, and Nicky Pires. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT: Philip Holzbauer was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the September 28, 2015 minutes with amendments was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Nether; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Outreach Committee – Ms. Juanita Nether and Ms. Linda Fry
Ms. Nether indicated the outreach event at Victory Woods Apartments went very well. Ms. Nether suggested waiting until after the first of the year to plan the next outreach events. The Commission agreed. Also, Ms. Williams discussed the transportation issues Victory Woods is still experiencing. Ms. Pipkin offered to follow-up with Commissioner Morgan. Ms. Pires offered her help and expertise as well.
- Garvey Group – Mr. Gail Murdock
The Garvey Group is now incorporated and has obtained Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN). Budget has been proposed. Ms. Bettie Broadhurst has accepted the position of treasurer. Town Hall meeting will be held on November 16th at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.
- Legislation – Mr. Gail Murdock
There is nothing to report at this time.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Maryland Access Point presentation at Victory Woods Apartments.
Ms. Williams said the presentation was fabulous.
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- Status on list of concerns
The Commission has worked on the list of concerns all year and would like to incorporate the information in the Annual Report that is submitted to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Ms. Williams and Ms. Kellam would like to receive the information no later than November 6th.

TABLED DISCUSSIONS: Community Villages

- Ms. Kellam asked Norine Rowe, RSVP Project Manager, to attend the November 2015 meeting to have a discussion on community villages.
Ms. Kellam spoke to Ms. Rowe and Ms. Rowe doesn't have a lot to offer on this topic at this time. Ms. Rowe is willing to do the research for the information. Ms. Jennings-Harris indicated Ms. Rowe is not an expert on community villages and would not have the time necessary to thoroughly commit to the research. This topic has been tabled for 2016.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Cedar Lane Apartments meeting
Next meeting is at Cedar Lane Apartments and the Commission would like to notify residents of meeting being held at the apartment complex.
- November meeting with Commission on Aging officers from Calvert & St. Mary's Counties
The meeting is scheduled for November 9th. Ms. Williams would like to explore putting together a flyer for the Commission on Aging. The majority of the Commission on Aging members do not see a need to have business cards for Commission on Aging members. Ms. Williams will ask Calvert County to bring their information to the meeting.
- 2016 officer positions
Ms. Williams would like the Commission to consider officer nominees for 2016.
- Annual report to the Commissioners
The report will be submitted to the Commissioners in January. The Chair requested members to offer feedback to the report. Once the information has been compiled, the Chair will present the information at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Pipkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m. and Mr. Murdock seconded; the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: Cedar Lane Apartments
Leonardtown
November 23, 2015
1:00 p.m.

Commission on Aging Purpose:

The purpose of the Commission shall advise the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on matters related to the elderly population and assist in the content, administration and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the County.