

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2003**

**Library, St. Mary's County Governmental Center**

**Present:** Martha M. Neal, Ph.D., Chair  
David Deaderick, Vice Chair  
George Baroniak, Member  
Zora Siemasko, Member  
Shirley Baldwin, Executive Secretary

**Absent:** Viola Gardner, Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Neal at 2:00 p.m..

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES**

Minutes of November 17, 2003 Mr. Baroniak made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Deaderick Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

- Status 2001 Outstanding. No change in the status of 2001. Inasmuch as there are only two outstanding for 2001 and they are no longer serving, the motion was made by Ms. Siemasko and seconded by Mr. Baroniak that we close 2001. The motion carried.
- Status 2002 Outstanding. No change in the status of 2002.
- Review Session. Two financial disclosure statements were reviewed and approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Education Program. Dr. Neal reported that she contacted the PIO Office and was advised they will again place an article in the local newspaper offering the Ethics Commission presentation to organizations. The PIO Office does not have any events scheduled at this time where we could make a presentation, but they will keep us in mind when something is scheduled.
- Memo from County Attorney re Verizon Wireless. An email was received from the County Attorney advising that his office is still working to obtain the answers to the questions presented by the Commission through obtaining a copy of the Contract, which has not been forthcoming from Verizon. This will be put on hold until the next meeting at which time an opinion will be rendered.

- Plaque for John Dixon: Since an out-of-state address has not been received for Mr. Dixon, it was agreed to send the plaque to his home address. Mr. Deaderick will email that address to Shirley Baldwin for mailing.
- 2003 Financial Disclosure Statement: Mr. Deaderick made the suggested changes to the 2002 FDS and incorporated those changes into the 2003. When completed, this should be emailed to Shirley Baldwin for copying and then sent to Dr. Neal to be sent to the Web Master for posting on the website. At the next meeting an agenda item will be added to set the FDS Schedule for 2004.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Holiday Open House: An invitation was received to attend Davis, Upton & Palumbo's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Open House Dec. 12, 2003.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Siemasko made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Baroniak. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.