

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
February 22, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.
Garvey Senior Activity Center

GUEST SPEAKER: Kathryn Mather, Operations Manager, Garvey Senior Activity Center

- Ms. Mather discussed the programs offered at the Garvey Senior Activity Center and at the offsite locations utilized by the department throughout the County.

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

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

ABSENT: Teresa Howard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the February 1, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Mr. Holzbauer; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock
Over 2000 bills have been submitted to Annapolis. All bills are a work in progress at this time.
- Garvey Council – Dale Taylor, President
The Garvey Council is incorporated. A meeting with the architects for the new Garvey will be held on March 15th. A great deal of fundraising and assisting with Garvey activities has been planned with the Council. The Vice President of the Garvey Council submitted the idea to the Community Programs & Outreach Manager to create a video of all three (3) senior activity centers and their participants. The students at the James A. Forrest Tech Center will do the filming.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS

- Revision of COA Purpose – Cindy Williams and Phil Holzbauer
A motion to approve the revised purpose, with amendments, was made by Ms. Pipkin and seconded by Ms. Williams; the motion passed.
Approved purpose:
The purpose of the Commission on Aging is to provide the Commissioners of St. Mary's County with advice and assistance concerning county programs and resources offered for the senior residents of St. Mary's County and how best to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the senior population.
- Determine meeting places for 2016-17
Considered places to meet for the remainder of the year.
- Establish Outreach Committee
The previous Outreach Committee, Ms. Nether and Ms. Fry, will continue.
- Meeting with COA officers of St. Mary's and Calvert Counties
Ms. Kellam and the St. Mary's COA officers would like to meet with the Charles County and Calvert County COA officers to discuss common issues and solutions.

- Review of “Challenges” in 2016 Annual Report to CSMC
A plan was developed to continue working on the Challenges submitted in the Annual Report and provide support and options where needed.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS

- Presentations for upcoming meetings
Taking information shared and Janet will come up with yearly calendar and schedule presenters.
- Absences – Beth Sandberg
Ms. Sandberg reviewed and explained bylaw attendance information.
- March meeting
Ms. Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager, will present the revised Road Show at the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and Ms. Williams seconded; the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2016 at Garvey Senior Activity Center

Purpose – To advise and assist in the content, administration, and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the county; to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly.

Suggested Purpose – The purpose of the Commission on Aging is to provide the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County with advice and assistance concerning county programs and resources offered for the senior residents of St. Mary’s County and how best to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the senior population.