

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
July 24, 2017
Garvey Senior Activity Center

GUEST SPEAKER – Alice Allen, Senior Activity Center Division Manager

Ms. Allen provided an overview of the programs, activities, and the home-delivered meal program as well as what the focus of the centers is. Ms. Allen also discussed the progress of the new Garvey Building.

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Janet Kellam, Chair, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Greg Havens, Deb Johnstone, Gail Murdock, Mary Novotny, and Dale Taylor. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT: Juanita Nether and Nicky Pires

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the June 19, 2017 minutes was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Forrest; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee – Janet Kellam
Ms. Kellam explained what the Outreach Committee is responsible for. The next Outreach event is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on August 2nd.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock
There is nothing new to report at this time.
- Garvey Council – Dale Taylor
Ms. Taylor explained the upcoming events the Council has planned as well as the Council's fundraising efforts. Ms. Taylor presented the video of the new Garvey Senior Activity Center.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Debrief of Tri-County Commission on Aging conference – Janet Kellam
The Commission discussed the responses to the conference evaluation form and the concern/issue questionnaire. The Commission felt the conference was a tremendous success.
- Public promotion of COA update/thanks – Margaret Forrest
Ms. Kellam thanked Ms. Forrest for her hard work on the Commission on Aging article that was run in the County Times and Enterprise. Ms. Forrest will look into having the Commission on Aging meeting information added to the New Beginning newsletter.

- Revisit to “Challenges” – Janet Kellam
Ms. Kellam tabled this agenda item.
- Meeting schedule remainder of year – Janet Kellam
The Commission discussed the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Introduction of members – Janet Kellam
All Commission members introduced themselves.
- Information sharing/announcements – All
Ms. Kellam mentioned to everyone LIFE registration begins on Monday, August 14th.
Ms. Kellam inquired if the Commission could donate funds to the Guardianship program.
Ms. Novotny offered to inquire with the Health Department to find out what the results were for the Healthy St. Mary’s Partnership survey.
Mr. Murdock discussed the County’s commitment to proper flag disposal.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and Ms. Novotny seconded; the motion passed.

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.