

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**May 23, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Northern Senior Activity Center**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Ms. MarieNoelle Lautieri, Operations Manager of the Northern Senior Activity

Ms. Lautieri presented information about programs offered at the Northern Senior Activity Center and provided a tour.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Janet Kellam, Chair, Linda Fry, Philip Holzbauer, Deborah Johnstone, 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:** Gail Murdock

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the April 25, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Holzbauer and seconded by Ms. Pires; the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether and Linda Fry  
An Outreach Road Show is scheduled for the evening of June 15, 2016 at the Life Changing Healing Church. Living Word Community Church and St. Georges Episcopal Church are also interested in a Road Show, but the dates have not been determined yet.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock  
No update at this time.
- Garvey Council – Dale Taylor  
The Council had a successful Spring Festival. A corn hole competition is scheduled for May. Next Council meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council is working with CSM to create a website for fund raising purposes.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Tri-County COA meeting – Janet Kellam  
Meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Calvert County.
- June COA meeting – Janet Kellam  
The Commission will tour St. Mary's Medical Adult Day Care at 10:00 a.m., returning to the Garvey Senior Activity Center for lunch at 12:00 p.m., and then the Commission meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- COA meeting update (places and speakers) – Beth Sandberg  
Requests for visits and speakers have been extended.
- Revisit focus area of "Challenges" – Janet Kellam  
The Commission discussed the list of identified challenges.
- Alzheimer Walk – Phil Holzbauer  
The Alzheimer's Walk will be September 17, 2016 at Asbury Solomons. The Calvert County COA has invited St. Mary's County COA to put a walking team together.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- RSVP request for information – Janet Kellam  
Norine Rowe, RSVP Program Manager, has requested COA yearly activity and participation information.
- State Plan on Aging – Janet Kellam  
The Maryland Department of Aging is hosting Town Hall meetings to provide an opportunity to offer public comment on the State Plan on Aging on May 27, 2016 at the Bowie Senior Center.
- LIFE volunteers – Janet Kellam  
LIFE training will be held on May 24, 2016 at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. The LIFE program is looking for additional volunteers to participate and plan programs.
- Southern Maryland Food Bank Programs – Linda Fry  
Ms. Fry handed out an information sheet concerning the Food Bank Programs offered throughout the County.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. and Ms. Nether seconded; the motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 27, 2016 at the Garvey Senior Center

**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 by developing awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the senior population.