

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
February 24, 2025
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

CALL TO ORDER:

- Barbara O'Neal called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Barbara O'Neal
- Ms. Rowena Bossio
- Ms. Christine Morgan
- Ms. Kimberly Hansing
- Ms. Triverr Gray
- Ms. Aurora Hidalgo
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

ABSENT:

- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Ms. Shalonda Nelson
- Ms. Dawnn Hahn

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Guy Leonard, St. Mary's County Times; Jennifer Utz, St. Mary's County Emergency Services Director

Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2025.

I move to approve the minutes of January 27, 2025.

Motion by Kimberly Hansing, seconded by Rowena Bossio, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Dawnn Hahn, Senior Residency Specialist, Asbury Solomons - Presentation will be rescheduled

FINANCE:

- The Commission on Aging has a \$3000 budget, which may not be used after June 30.
- Members will decide at the next meeting what they would like to focus on to spend the funds on.

SENIOR FOCUS AREAS:

- Senior Transportation - No update.
- Senior Housing - No update.
- Senior Legislation - John Houser, County Attorney will attend the March meeting to discuss legislation that could affect seniors and the Open Meetings Act.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Guy Leonard, St. Mary's County Times attended the meeting to make members aware of an issue addressed in his article the previous week about seniors being charged for county ambulance services after being told they would not be responsible. Christine Morgan added that seniors are hesitant to call 911 because of the charges. Jennifer Utz, Emergency Services Director, responded that she is aware of the billing issue and they are looking into this. She also emphasized no one should ever be afraid of calling 911.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2024 Annual Report Due - Barbara will send information to members.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Motion made by Christine Morgan, seconded by Barbara O'Neal, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

March 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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Commission on Aging (Monday, February 24, 2025)

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