

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**April 25, 2016 -1:00 p.m.**  
**Loffler Senior Activity Center**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Ms. Joyce Raum, Operations Manager Loffler Senior Activity Center

Ms. Raum provided history of the Loffler Senior Activity Center, presented information about programs offered at the senior activity center and provided a tour.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 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, and Nicky Pires. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

**ABSENT:** Cindy Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the March 28, 2016 minutes with amendments was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Nether; the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether and Linda Fry  
Several organizations and a church in the Mechanicsville area are willing to have the Road Show presented during the evening hours in May. Ms. Nether will coordinate with the Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock  
Mr. Murdock informed the Commission that House Bill 898 passed, which applies to military retired veterans age 65 or older and who's lived in their home for 40+ years. The Commissioners can grant access to receive up to a 20% reduction in property tax. Disabled veterans hiring bill also passed.
- Garvey Council – Gail Murdock & Dale Taylor  
The Council is preparing for the planned fund-raising events they have scheduled.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS**

- Garvey update from Commissioners of St. Mary's County meeting – Gail Murdock and Dale Taylor  
Attended the meeting where the architect from Grimm & Parker and the Director of Public Works & Transportation presented the concepts to the CSMC. The concepts were well received.
- Meeting with Calvert County COA – Juanita Nether, Phil Holzbauer, and Janet Kellam  
Attended a meeting in Calvert County to share ideas and thoughts with the Calvert County COA delegation. Calvert County would like to work more with St. Mary's County.
- COA meetings update 2016-17 – Beth Sandberg  
The Chair and Beth Sandberg worked on the meeting schedule and presenter list for the remainder of the year.
- Revisit "Challenges" – Janet Kellam  
The Commission discussed the list of identified challenges.

## **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS**

- Membership status of CoA – Beth Sandberg  
The CoA currently has one vacancy. The next appointment cycle will be in June.
- United Seniors of MD info – Janet Kellam  
The focus is on the reauthorization of Older Americans Act and older adults financial abuse.
- Garvey “Spring Festival” – Gail Murdock/Dale Taylor  
The Spring Festival will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.
- Alzheimer’s Walk – Phil Holzbauer  
Calvert County would like St. Mary’s to participate in next year’s Alzheimer’s Walk.
- The Calvert County Commission on Aging mailed the Save the Date flyer for the upcoming Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting. June 16<sup>th</sup>  
The theme for the meeting will be brain research and its impact on the older population.
- Agenda items – Janet Kellam  
If you attend a function as a private citizen and believe there will be Commission on Aging interest, Ms. Kellam encourages you to share the information.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Johnstone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and Mr. Holzbauer seconded; the motion passed.

### **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.