

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

July 27, 2015, 1:00 PM
Garvey Senior Activity Center
Leonardtown, MD

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

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

ABSENT: Deborah Johnstone and Norma Pipkin were excused. Teresa Howard was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the June 22, 2015 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Kellam, the motion passed.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME – Mr. Philip Holzbauer has been appointed by the CSMC as a new member to the Commission on Aging and the Commission welcomed him. Mr. Holzbauer is looking forward to learning from the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Outreach Committee – Ms. Juanita Nether and Ms. Linda Fry
Ms. Nether spoke to the manager of Victory Woods Apartments and the best date to conduct the Department of Aging and Human Services Roadshow will be Tuesday, September 29th. The Commission would like to include the Maryland Access Point Coordinator.
- Legislative Committee – Mr. Gail Murdock
Started working on Bills for next year.
- Garvey Group – Mr. Gail Murdock
The Garvey Council is looking for people to join the group. The council is also working on completing the paperwork for the Articles of Incorporation to send to the State of Maryland. This process will most likely take at least one year for finalization. The core Council group has taken the University of Maryland food handling training held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center.

GUEST SPEAKER – Mr. Dennis Nicholson, Housing Authority of St. Mary's County

Mr. Nicholson presented information regarding the supply of housing, rental units and economic challenges in St. Mary's County as well as our neighboring counties for citizens 60 years old and over.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Villages in Maryland - <http://marylandagingincommunity.org/>
The Commission on Aging will table this topic.
- Status on list of concerns.
The Commission is doing well on completing their 2015 list of concerns. Work still needs to be done on secondary health insurance, more geriatric doctors in the area, lowering taxes for seniors, and affordable housing.

- Commission on Aging Secretary vacancy
Ms. Williams is looking for a person to volunteer to be the Commission's Secretary.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Health Fair needs volunteers – Training will be held on October 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center
- State Commission on Aging meeting
Ms. Pipkin and Ms. Fry are interested in attending the meeting. Mr. Holzbauer will be an alternate.
- Department of Public Works & Transportation Memo
The Commission on Aging is pleased the St. Mary's County Department of Public Works & Transportation has initiated an STS Route Enhancement. Victory Woods Apartments is now included as a regular stop.
- Senior Resolution
The Commission would like to share with the new Commissioners their Senior Agenda; "A Community for a Lifetime" at the September 15th Commissioner meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m. and Ms. Kellam seconded; the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: August 24, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.
Loffler Senior Activity Center

The purpose of the Commission is to provide the Commissioners of St. Mary's County with advice and assistance concerning the administration and financing of county programs designed for the elderly residents of St. Mary's, the operations and general performance of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services, the achievement of goals set for the elderly population and how best to work with the community in developing awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly population.