

St. Mary's County Ethics Commission
St. Mary's County Governmental Center

Minutes of: 3 March, 2008

Members present: George E. Baroniak, Chair

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Arthur F. Goeller, Member

Terry L. Holder, Member

Robert W. Denning, Alternate Member

Sarah L. Cannavo, Executive Secretary

Call to order:

- The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:05 p.m.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be held on 17 March, 2008. Due to budget work sessions in conference room 114, the Ethics Commission meetings will be held in the DECD conference room (2nd floor) for the next three meetings.

- The services for Mr. Kunz will be at 3:00 PM on Friday, 7 March at the Presbyterian Church on Rt 2/4. Mr. Baroniak sent a card and flowers on behalf of the Ethics Commission members. The members are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Mr. Kunz and he will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Review/approval of minutes:

- Minutes of 25 Feb, 2008. Mr. Bush made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Denning. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- The Joint Ethics Training with Anne Arundel, Calvert and Charles Counties has been tentatively scheduled for the first week in May. The conference has been changed from the first week in April due to scheduling conflicts with several members. The new date will be dependent upon the other counties ability to attend. Mr. Baroniak will continue to work the issue and keep the board updated.

- Mrs. Cannavo announced that the Ethics Commission website has been updated with the 2008 meeting schedule and all missing minutes.

New Business:

- Mr. Baroniak contacted the Board of Education employee who requested information concerning financial disclosure filing requirements for BOE employees. Mr. Baroniak explained to the employee that because he deals with contracts and money in the course of his duties he is required to file. The member was unhappy with the response / explanation given by Mr. Baroniak and stated that he intended to file an official grievance. The complaint form can be found on the Ethics Commission website: <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/ethics/compform.pdf>

- The Ethics Commission received an invitation from Lynn Morgan Smoot, St. Mary's County Public Schools, to attend a reception on March 10, honoring the Visual Arts Scholarship Applicants and Awardees from St. Mary's County Public High Schools.

- Mr. Baroniak asked the commission members to keep in mind that a new member is needed to fill the vacancy created by the untimely passing of Mr. Kunz. Ms. Holder asked if any applications were on file from previous volunteers. Mr. Goeller stated that the applications are only kept on file for one year and then destroyed. Anyone who previously applied (longer than a year ago) would need to complete and submit a new application. The volunteer applications are available on the county's website:

<http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/voluntr/VolForm.PDF>

Financial Disclosure Statements:

- 3 financial disclosure statements were reviewed.

Executive Session:

- A motion made by Mr. Goeller to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bush. Ethics Commission executive session at 2:21 pm.

- The Ethics Commission came out of executive session at 2:25 pm.

Public Comment:

- None

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Mr. Bush to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.