

St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission
March 8, 2006
Minutes

Attendance: Maureen Johnson, Bernadette Lewis, Mac McClintock, Norma Pipkins, Sanjay Apte, Pam Oravec, Kathleen Lyon and Joe Bush

Excused: Betty Quinn

Not in attendance: Tyrone Harris, Joyce Dyson and Barbara Hendricks

Staff: Cynthia Brown, Division of Community Services

Nominees and commission members' photos were taken by Jennifer Fabbicante, Public Information Office for St. Mary's County.

The meeting was convened at 5:15 by the commission's chairperson, Mac McClintock. The meeting was devoted to upcoming breakfast preparation.

Breakfast Plans: The following commission members will introduce the following nominees:

Molly Gates	Kathleen Lyon
Keith Fairfax	Maureen Johnson
St. Clair & Cropp	Joe Bush
Shop with Cops Program	Pam Oravec

The commission covers the cost of the meals for the nominees; however their families and guest have to pay.

The entertainment will be Leonardtown Jazz Ensemble. They will play as people are coming in and give two selections at another point in the program. Cynthia will get additional information about the band for Mac.

Cynthia will check with the Paul Hall Center to see if flags are already displayed. If so, there will not have to be a presentation of the colors.

Mac McClintock suggested that a child lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Someone to do the invocation and benediction will be selected as the reservations list begins.

Tickets are \$12 and people are encouraged to make reservations in advance with payment. However, payment will also be accepted at the door. The cut off date for reservations is April 3, 2006.

Cynthia will work on a draft of the proclamation to be presented at the annual event by Commissioner President Thomas McKay. Commission members will have an opportunity to see the draft and provide input.

Mac will introduce the dignitaries. Cynthia will introduce the speaker, who is Dr. Iris Carter Ford, Professor of Anthropology at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

One concern from last year was that the event wasn't taped due to a glare caused by the large picture windows in the hall. Cynthia will talk to Jennifer Fabbicante to discuss what changes need to be made so that the program can be televised.

The next meeting will be April 5, 2006.
Adjournment – 6 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Stephanie Roach