

**St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission  
September 6, 2005**

**Minutes**

Attendance: Mac McClintock, Joyce Dyson, Kathleen Lyon, Betty Quinn, Joseph Bush and Pam Oravec

Staff: Cynthia Brown, Division of Community Services

The meeting was convened at 5:05 by the Chairperson, Mac McClintock.

The guest speaker, Marc Apter, Marketing and Public Relations Director for St. Mary's College, was introduced by M. McClintock.

Mr. Apter discussed his interest in study circles. He proposed a series of discussions on issues of interest in Southern Maryland. He suggested possibly meeting two hours a week for four weeks. Formal recommendations could be made to appropriate agencies based on the discussions. In order to have a successful discussion group several elements have to be in order; 1.) Recruit people to facilitate the local groups, 2.) Find diverse participants from throughout the county, 3.) Selection of topics and, 4.) Staffing. Mr. Apter stated three to five topics that reflect the real issues in St. Mary's would need to be identified.

**Approval of Minutes:** Pam Oravec' (Oravcz) last name was misspelled on July minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Finance Statement:** Cynthia Brown gave a financial report of \$1,490 for the new fiscal year which began July 1, 2005.

**Website:** The website was discussed briefly. Commission members were asked to bring ideas to the next commission meeting of ways to make the site more informative.

**Announcements:** The Board of Education will hold its fourth Diversity Forum at 5:30 on Sept 13 to update last year's master plan and minority achievement plan. The membership would like to invite the new Superintendent of Schools to be the speaker at the January HRC meeting to discuss his first six months in office, goals, objectives, etc.

Adjournment – 6:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Roach