

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**St. Mary's County Commission on Aging**  
**January 23, 2017**  
**Garvey Senior Activity Center**

**GUEST SPEAKER** – Ms. Debbie Barker, Division Manager Senior Information & Assistance

Ms. Barker discussed senior housing in St. Mary's County.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Janet Kellam, Chair, Penny Brown, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Gail Murdock, Juanita Nether and Nicky Pires. Department of Aging & Human Services staff member was Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

**ABSENT:** Dale Taylor, Janice Bonham, Deborah Johnstone

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether and Linda Fry  
Two planned Outreach events were held and both went well.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock  
The Commission discussed the new bills that have been introduced.
- Garvey Council – Gail Murdock / Dale Taylor  
The Council is waiting to see the final design of the new Garvey.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Election of officers for the 2017 term—Gail Murdock
  - Ms. Janet Kellam was elected Chairperson
  - Ms. Juanita Nether was elected Vice Chairperson
  - Ms. Nicky Pires was elected Correspondence Secretary
- Public promotion of COA—Beth Sandberg  
The County Administrator OK'd the Commission to promote themselves as long as they adhere to their mission and bylaws.
- Revisit to "Challenges"—Janet Kellam  
The Commission discussed the list of identified challenges.
- United Seniors of MD January meeting—Janet Kellam  
Several commission members will attend the United Seniors of Maryland meeting in Annapolis.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of members—Janet Kellam  
Ms. Penny Brown was introduced to the Commission.

- Planning for 2017 meetings—Janet Kellam  
Ms. Kellam would like the Commission to begin thinking of sites in St. Mary’s County for upcoming meeting locations.
- DAHS “Road Show” Outreach events—Janet Kellam  
Ms. Kellam would like to schedule at least two (2) Outreach events in 2017.
- Information sharing/announcements—All  
Ms. Kellam shared information she received from various departments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m. and Ms. Pires seconded; the motion passed.

**Purpose:**

To advise and assist in the content, administration, and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the county; to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly.