

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**February 26, 2018**  
**Garvey Senior Activity Center**

**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 Juanita Nether, Linda Fry, Bernice Williams, Nicky Pires, Mary Novotny, and Gail Murdock. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Nancy Cardinale, Early Childhood Coordinator.

**ABSENT:** Margaret Forrest and Greg Havens

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the January 22, 2018 minutes with corrections was made by Linda Fry and seconded by Bernice Williams.

**PRESENTATION:** Mary Ellen Kraese and Jessica Hartmen from the local Health Department presented information regarding the SMARTMedicine media campaign.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee - Mary Novotny/Linda Fry  
Ms. Novotny and Ms. Fry described an evening presentation about Aging Programs and Services is being planned to meet the needs of working seniors and adult children caring for a senior.
- Legislative Update - Gail Murdock  
Mr. Murdock explained during the current Maryland Legislative Session the following bills will be presented: Senate Bill 4 to study the quality of care in nursing home facilities, Senate Bill 75 to allow individuals to deduct long care premiums on state taxes. Senate Bill 992 and House Bill 868 to allow senior centers to have cash rewards for Bingo games. Senate Bill 1208 and House Bill 1766 are to extend the term of drug assistance for seniors with Medicare Part D.
- Transportation - Nicky Pires  
Ms. Pires described she is currently waiting for the approval of the Center for Life Enrichment Grant. Transportation has been expanded in Lexington Park. House Bill 1537 will study the use of non-emergency transportation and Medicare/Medicaid coverage.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- The challenges the Commission on Aging wants to address remain the same.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- The locations for future meetings were discussed and the following schedule was accepted.  
Meeting schedule:  
January through July meetings at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.  
August through November meetings at the Loffler and Northern Senior Activity Centers.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March 13, 2018
- RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Awards Banquet – March 14, 2018
- Ground Breaking for the new Garvey Senior Activity Center and Leonardtown Library – April 2018

- Raffle for Snow Geese on canvas

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mary Novotny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 and Gail Murdock 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.

Minutes submitted by: Nancy Cardinale