

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 12, 2015
ROOM 14 * POTOMAC BUILDING
LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL – Members present were Joshua Brewster – Chair, Joanna Colvin, Sarah Tyson, Vante Burkes, Jesus Godinez, Gary Younger, Bernadette Shannon, and Deborah Dennie. Members excused were Wayne Lockley and Agnes Butler. Department of Aging and Human Services staff members present was Kelsey Bush – LMB/Youth Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Diversity Series Update – Based on conversations with community members, while the commission had initially decided not to focus on college students as a group, they may be best audience. Discussion occurred with the St. Mary's College of Maryland, Dean of Students, Leonard Brown, who was excited about the prospect of working with the commission on this and future collaboration. It was decided that the event would get a much better turnout if it was held at the College and students were invited. The Dean suggested looking at fall 2015 to put something together, as next school year will mark SMCM's 175th, so we could do this in conjunction with those activities. The commission is still working to speak with the College of Southern Maryland about holding a discussion at their campus. It may be too late to get something together for April; but perhaps a summer event, or also fall. Further discussion is needed about potential discussions at the public high school level. Discussion about potential panelist is needed and it may be helpful to have the law enforcement and community relations members participate. Potential panelists could include academics, community organizers, clergy, and law enforcement personnel.
- MLK Breakfast Debrief – The breakfast was held January 19, 2015 at the St. Mary's College of Maryland and the attendance increased from previous years. The MLK breakfast committee is already working to secure a keynote speaker for 2016 and 2017.

NEXT MEETING – May 14, 2015 in room 14 of the Potomac Building at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m., the motion passed.