

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 10, 2014
ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL – Members present were Marta Kelsey – Chair, Elizabeth Servello – Vice Chair, Mary Ludwig, Norma Pipkin, Joanna Colvin, Stephanie Figeroux, and Katie Werner – Secretary. Kyle Bishop and Makeba Atkins were excused. Department of Aging and Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris – Director, Aging and Human Services and Amber Hebert – Human Services Office Manager.

OTHER ATTENDEES – Lynn Fitrell.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the October 6, 2014 minutes was made by Ms. Werner and seconded by Ms. Pipkin, the motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT –

Account	Budget	Balance
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00
Printing	\$200.00	\$200.00
Supplies & Materials	\$400.00	\$400.00
Food	\$300.00	\$150.16
Other Contract Services	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Copier Services	\$200.00	\$200.00
Conferences & Conventions	\$450.00	\$450.00
Awards	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total	\$4500.00	\$4350.16

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- 2015 Banquet Planning – The caterer for the event has been secured as well as the location at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center on March 19, 2015, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Ludwig will provide the music for the event. Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan, President of St. Mary's College, will be the guest speaker for the event.
- Veterans Home Outreach Follow-Up – The commission members stated the event went very well. They were able to outreach to the women veterans and Ms. Ludwig will prepare a letter of commendation for the staff member that provided excellent service and assistance to the members.
- St. Mary's County Public Schools Update – Ms. Pipkin has another meeting with Mr. Wyatt at the public schools on November 13, 2014. The event is for the kids in the schools regarding dating violence scheduled during the spring of 2015. Ms. Pipkin will continue working on this outreach.

- Emergency Toiletries Collection Update – Ms. Servello continues to work on this project, bags for the toiletries will be gathered and contact will be made with stores asking for donations to this effort.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- Family Violence Coordinating Council – The next FVCC meeting will be held January 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 14 of the Potomac Building, Ms. Servello will attend. The commission selected Mary Ludwig as the alternate member to attend FVCC meetings.
- Membership Update – The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County will be making new appointments for commissions in January 2015.
- Human Trafficking Community Discussion – Ms. Pipkin attended the community discussion on Human Trafficking on November 2, 2014. It brought attention to this issue and the possibility of it happening in our community and noted the ideal age is 13 years old. Ms. Pipkin stated that the community must be mindful of their children’s electronic devices and internet interactions. More information on this subject can be found at www.mdhumantrafficking.org.

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- In lieu of a December meeting, the commission will have dinner at DB McMillans in Wildewood on December 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The commission will adopt seniors within the Guardianship Program to buy gifts for Christmas. Ms. Kessler will provide a wish list to Ms. Hebert.
- The Women’s History Month Banquet will be held March 19, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, Maryland.

NEXT MEETING – January 12, 2015 in room 14 of the Potomac Building at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Ms. Pipkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Ms. Kelsey seconded, the motion passed.