

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
April 23, 2018
Garvey Senior Activity Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 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, Dale Taylor, Margaret Forrest, and Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Debra Kane, Coordinator I.

ABSENT: James Hensley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the March 26, 2018 minutes was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Nicky Pires.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee - Mary Novotny/Linda Fry
We are still working with Sarah Miller on the presentation about Aging Programs that are planned to meet the needs of working seniors and adult children caring for a senior. They are looking at having the meeting in the evening, but nothing has been formalized. The event will possibly be hosted the beginning of June 2018.
- 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 passed in the Senate. Senate Bill 75 to allow individuals to deduct long-term care premiums on state taxes died in committee. No action on Senate Bill 992 and House Bill 868 that will to allow senior centers to have cash rewards for Bingo games. Senate Bill 1208 and House Bill 1766 will extend the term of drug assistance for seniors with Medicare Part D passed in the Senate. Senate Bill 1090 Caller ID Spoofing Ban of 2018 passed. No action on Senate Bill 697 Individual Income Tax Itemized Deductions State Tax Return. Senate Bill 597 Income Tax Rates Reductions failed in the Senate.
- Garvey Council - Dale Taylor
Groundbreaking will be May 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Still selling raffle tickets on "Snow Geese" on canvas to purchase piano. Three thousand dollars is needed to purchase the piano. To date, approximately \$2500.00 has been sold in tickets. Raffle is in August 2018.
- Transportation - Nicky Pires
Ms. Pires informed us they are reviewing the RFP, the 3 proposers for the Scope of Concept. The final one will be on Wednesday and the CTAA will be doing an award. Good news - the Arc of Southern Maryland awarded \$80,000 in MTA monies to extend the 2- year Health Care Access Transportation Pilot project.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Ms. Pires reached out to the group about the need for citizen members for the Technical Advisory Committee. We have 3-4 senior citizens who would like to be on the committee. Bernice Williams will be appointed in July to the Technical Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Margaret Forrest had no update on speakers at this time.
- Two members from COA need to be at the Tri-County meeting on June 14, 2018 to give an update about our programs.
- Margaret Forrest reported there were eight people at the Diabetes Group which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month-12:15-12:45 p.m.: lunch 12:45-1:30p.m.: meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tri-County Commission on Aging - June 14, 2018 from 9a.m.-2p.m., at Richard Clark Senior Center, Charles County
- Law Day - May 1st, 2018, 8-4:30p.m.
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day - May 8th, 2018, 11:30-7:00 p.m. Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Gail Murdock motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m., and Nicky 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.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Kane