

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
October 27, 2014 1:00 PM
Garvey Senior Activity Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Norma Pipkin, Chair, Juanita Nether, Gail Murdock, Linda Fry, Cindy Williams, Deb Johnstone, Diane Harding, Janet Kellam and Bettie Broadhurst. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the September 22, 2014 minutes with amendments was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Kellam; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee - Bettie Broadhurst
Ms. Broadhurst indicated the Outreach Committee is preparing for the Outreach event being held on October 28th at the Global Village Community Center in Dameron. We've had several people RSVP for the event.
- Legislative Committee - Gail Murdock
Mr. Murdock reiterated the importance of getting out to vote.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Governor's Service Award
Ms. Pipkin informed the Committee Ms. Deborah Johnstone was selected to receive the 2014 Governor's Service Award in the National Service Participant category. Ms. Pipkin and Ms. Johnstone attended the award ceremony in Annapolis.
- Update on Garvey Replacement Activities
Ms. Broadhurst attended the October 7th Commissioners' Forum and talked about how the fastest growing area of the county has the smallest Senior Activity Center. Ms. Pipkin echoed the sentiment of the "Grow Garvey Group" to stay focused on the task of obtaining signatures on the petition.
- Tri-County Regional Meeting held on October 20, 2014
Ms. Pipkin, Ms. Kellam, and Ms. Williams met with the Calvert County Commission on Aging delegation at the Northern Senior Activity Center. The Calvert delegation specified at the statewide Commission on Aging meeting topics of discussion were senior villages, transportation, and affordable housing. Also discussed at the meeting, was the Partners in Care organization and its benefits.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Elections will be held in January. The following positions will be available: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The Community Health Fair on Friday, October 24th. We received a lot of wonderful and positive comments. The shredder truck was also a huge success.
- The Annual Family Caregivers' Breakfast is schedule for Friday, November 14th at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center.
- We currently have a vacancy for our Ombudsman position.

RSVP TIME SHEETS: Please make sure they are signed before you leave.

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2014
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ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and Ms. Johnstone seconded; the motion passed.

The purpose of the Commission is to provide the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County with advice and assistance concerning the administration and financing of county programs designed for the elderly residents of St. Mary's, the operations and general performance of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services, the achievement of goals set for the elderly population and how best to work with the community in developing awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly population.