

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**October 22, 2018**  
**Loffler Senior Activity Center**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Gail Murdock, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Dr. Bernice Williams, Catherine Herndon, Catherine Bush, and Marie Bond. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Mercedes Jones, Coordinator I.

**ABSENT:** Sandra Simmons and Delores Thompson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Catherine Bush and seconded by Marie Bond.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the September 24, 2018 minutes was made by Catherine Herndon and seconded by Catherine Bush.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee ó Linda Fry  
Mr. Murdock suggests that an outreach event be held at Gospel Lite Baptist Church. Ms. Fry will reach out to the church.
- Legislative Update ó Gail Murdock  
Mr. Murdock plans to put together a legislative update to be presented to the Committee in January. This will demonstrate how to walk through the Maryland Government website and teach the basics of how to look up legislative bills.
- Garvey Council ó Margaret Forrest  
The new piano that Garvey Council purchased for the Garvey Senior Activity Center has been delivered. The council has paid someone \$150 to put it together and is currently waiting for assembly. The Garvey Council turned in a semi-annual report for the RSVP program. Between the period of April 1, 2018 and September 3, 2018 a total of \$12,153 was raised and 259 people were served by the Garvey Council. The total revenue since the Garvey Council was started in 2015 is \$22,825.  
The Garvey Council has a Facebook page, to which they would like to have more people connect. Ms. Forrest attended the Grant writing class at CSM on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Diabetes Support Group meets every third Wednesday from 12:30-1:30.
- Homeless Coalition ó Bernice Williams  
The Mission held a benefit dinner. The three round houses across from Great Mills High School were donated to the Mission. The Mission has been raising money to refurbish these buildings to house the homeless before it gets cold.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Locations for 2019 COA meetings were selected.
- Membership Recruitment ó Still looking to recruit one member
- COA Christmas Luncheon ó December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 at Leonardtown Grille

- Community Food Pantry ó The Rotary Club is planning a local community food pantry. The Rotary Club would like to have the Commissioners of St. Maryø County support the food pantry. It may be worth looking into county buildings that are not being utilized. Linda Lymas, Rotary Club President, will be contacted to speak at one of the COA meetings.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- Tri-County Council Representative ó Commission would like to discuss possibility of having an ex-officio member. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- November 7<sup>th</sup> ó Veteranø Resource Day at Southern Maryland Higher Education Center  
9:00 a.m. ó 2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.  
Northern Senior Activity Center  
29655 Charlotte Hall Rd  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

**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.