

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
September 24, 2018
Garvey Senior Activity Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Gail Murdock, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Catherine Herndon, Catherine Bush, Sandra Simmons, and Marie Bond. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director, and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator I.

ABSENT: Dr. Bernice Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the August 27, 2018 minutes was made by Catherine Herndon and seconded by Margaret Forrest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee ó Linda Fry
Ms. Fry suggested having someone come to the centers and speak about the benefits of seniors learning new things.
- Legislative Update ó Gail Murdock
Mr. Murdock plans to put together a legislative update for the Committee. 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
Department of Public Works, Gary Whipple provided an update that the new Garvey Senior Activity Center projected completion date is November 2019. The Garvey Council has purchased a new piano for the Garvey Activity Center. As of the end of August, \$23,228.71 has been raised to go toward the new Senior Activity Center. The Garvey Council has raised \$3,433 with the newest Cash Blast raffle, with a goal of \$8,000. There will be 4 winners ó \$500, \$250, \$150 and \$100. The raffle is scheduled for December 20th. Mr. Murdock is accepting volunteers to help sell tickets. Registration for the Grant writing class has opened at CSM. The class is October 17th. The Diabetes support group meets every third Wednesday from 12:30-1:30. The Garvey Council is sponsoring a craft fair on December 1st at Leonard Hall. At least 12 people have signed up and paid registration fees.
- Transportation ó No Report

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Speakers and Locations for 2019 COA meetings ó Speakers and locations will be chosen at the October meeting
- Membership Recruitment ó Still looking to recruit one member
- COA Christmas Luncheon ó December 3rd at 11:30 at Leonardtown Grille ó tentatively
- Community Food Pantry ó The Rotary Club is planning a local community food pantry

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- November meeting ó Will work on the Annual Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 19th ó Health Fair at Southern Maryland Higher Education Center 9:00 a.m.
- November 7th ó Veterans Resource Day at Southern Maryland Higher Education Center 9:00 a.m. ó 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Herndon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 p.m. and Ms. Simmons 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.