

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, January 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:05 p.m.
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Chaired By: Bettie Broadhurst

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Agnes Buttler, Sam Brown, Crystal Menear, Gail Murdock, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon.

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

Guests: Alice Allen, Manager of Senior Center Operations – Department of Aging & Human Services

ABSENT

Elfreda Mathis, Veda Willis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 2011 minutes with corrections was made by Peggy Reardon and seconded by Gail Murdock; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

- Alice Allen, Manager for Senior Center Operations for the Department of Aging & Human Services, attended the January 23 meeting. Ms. Allen provided members with a packet of information and a verbal presentation of programs and services offered by the department at the three Senior Activity Centers and two Nutrition Sites.
- Ms. Allen answered questions posed by the Commission members.

OLD BUSINESS

Site Visits:

- In November the Commission On Aging went on a tour of the Department of Aging & Human Services Senior Activity Centers and Nutrition Sites.
- The Commission will be visiting Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for a tour in March.

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Sam Brown noted the building that houses the St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care is getting the upgrades done. They are still working on acquiring financing for the kitchen upgrade. Lori Jennings-Harris noted that after a site visit by the County Administrator, John Savich, St. Mary's County Government will be assisting St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care by providing the funds for the grease trap upgrade needed to continue on with the remainder of the kitchen upgrades needed.
- The St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care had an Open House Event which was well attended and 3 potential clients applied for services.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member

- Bettie Broadhurst introduced the newly appointed Commission Member, Crystal Menear.
- Crystal Menear gave a brief introduction of herself to the members.

Election of Officers:

- Norma Pipkin collected nominations for Officers for the 2012 Commission On Aging. The Nominations are: Bettie Broadhurst for Chairperson, Norma Pipkin for Vice Chair, and Peggy Reardon for Corresponding Secretary.
- Motion to approve the candidates for office as nominated was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Annual Report Draft:

- The Commission members reviewed a draft of the Commission On Aging Annual Report drafted by Elfreda Mathis.
- Motion to approve the Annual Report with corrections was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.
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ACTION ITEMS and UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bettie Broadhurst proposed to the Commission Members to bring ideas to the table about what the Commission should be involved in and ideas for the direction of the Commission for the coming year.
- Norma Pipkin proposed creating a request for budget for the Commission On Aging to present to the Board of County Commissioners.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Long Term Care Awareness Conference is scheduled for March 13, 2012.
- The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for March 20, 2012.
- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that the Garvey Senior Activity Center new construction proposal has been added to the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for FY2018.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- The part time Food Transporter position has been filled.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, at 12:00 noon at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Gail Murdock and was seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator