## St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission November 7, 2007 Minutes

**Attendance**: Joyce Dyson, Sanjay Apte, Mac McClintock, Jim Hanley, Rose Ann Everett

Staff Liaison: Cynthia Brown

Mac McClintock convened the meeting at 5:15 pm and introduced the guest speaker, Christina St. Clair, LGSW, Executive Director of the Mental Health Authority of St. Mary's, Inc. Ms. St. Clair discussed the functions, funding and mission of the MHASM. Copies of her power point presentation may be obtained through the Division of Community Services.

Upon completion of the presentation and discussion regarding the MHASM, the membership approved the minutes from the October HRC meeting, as presented.

**<u>Finance Statement:</u>** Cynthia Brown gave a financial report indicating the current budget is \$2750.

<u>Christmas Caring:</u> The HRC members present, agreed to make private donations as a group to sponsor a family in need of help during the holidays. The donations will be given to the Division of Community Services at the December HRC meeting.

<u>Study Circles</u>: Mac McClintock reported he and another trained facilitator are currently leading a Study Circles discussion group for teachers at Spring Ridge Middle School. He stated some very meaningful discussion has resulted thus far. Additional Study Circles Groups will be scheduled at other locations in 2008.

<u>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast:</u> Discussions are ongoing about this annual event at St. Mary's College. Information on the speaker and theme should be available by the December HRC meeting.

**<u>Retreat</u>**: No firm date as of yet, however, February or March are being considered.

<u>Annual Awards Breakfast:</u> Harry Lundeberg is offering two potential dates; April 12 or 19. The group's preference is April 19. Cynthia Brown is working on contacting potential guest speakers.

<u>Additional Business</u>: Mac McClintock recently attended a meeting with the Chair of the UCAC (United Committee on Afro-American Contributions) to discuss potential collaborative efforts between the two organizations. A job fair was one possibility.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2007, in the Governmental Center, Room 14 at 5 p.m.

Mac McClintock joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.