

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**March 26, 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 Juanita Nether, Linda Fry, Bernice Williams, Nicky Pires, Mary Novotny, and Gail Murdock. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Debra Kane, Coordinator I.

**ABSENT:** Greg Havens and James Hensley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the February 26, 2018 minutes was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Nicky Pires.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee - Mary Novotny/Linda Fry  
Ms. Novotny and Ms. Fry are continuing to work with Sarah Miller on the presentation about Aging Programs that are planned to meet the needs of working seniors and adult children caring for a senior. The event will possibly be hosted the beginning of June 2018.
- Legislative Update - Gail Murdock  
Mr. Murdock explained during the current Maryland Legislative Session the following bills will be presented: Senate Bill 4 to study the quality of care in nursing home facilities passed in the Senate and in the House. Senate Bill 75 to allow individuals to deduct long-term care premiums on state taxes not moving. Senate Bill 992 and House Bill 868 will to allow senior centers to have cash rewards for Bingo games. Heard in the Senate and House; waiting to hear. Senate Bill 1208 and House Bill 1766 will extend the term of drug assistance for seniors with Medicare Part D are in the House Rules.
- Garvey Council - Dale Taylor  
Groundbreaking is on track for May 1, 2018. Prior to next council meeting they will be hosting a lunch with the seniors talking about programs and fund raising, and show a video of the new center. Still selling raffle tickets on "Snow Geese" on canvas. Raffle in August 2018.
- Transportation - Nicky Pires  
Ms. Pires informed us the kick off for the Health Care Access Transportation Pilot was delayed due to snow. The meeting has been rescheduled with the hospitals and operators to determine the logistics and operational procedures for the pilot program. Waiting on the approval of the Center for Life Enrichment, and Arc of Southern Maryland grants. If successful the implementation for seniors will begin July 1, 2018.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Future meeting schedules were discussed and the following schedule was accepted:  
January-August 2018 – Garvey Senior Activity Center  
September – Northern Senior Activity Center  
October – Loffler Senior Activity Center  
November – Garvey Senior Activity Center  
No December 2018 meeting  
January 2019 – Garvey Senior Activity Center

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- Margaret Forrest presented several topics for discussion at future meetings. The decision was made to move forward on researching possibly speakers on the topics of: medication costs to seniors, appropriate exercising for seniors, and social connections for seniors.
- Ms. Nether discussed recommendations John Detrick emailed. St. Mary's Transit Technical Advisory Committee needs membership for senior and people with disabilities representation.
- Ms. Nether informed the commission that Mr. Havens resigned.
- New bus route from Calvert County to Charlotte Hall Veteran's Hall in St. Mary's County.
- Senior resource guides coming out May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Tri-County Commission on Aging-June 14, 2018 from 9am-2am at Richard Clark Senior Center, Charles County
- Spring LIFE Programs
- 26th Annual Southern Maryland Caregivers Conference - April 20 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center

**ADJOURNMENT:** Nicky Pires motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 p.m., and Gail Murdock 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.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Kane