

MEETING MINUTES
St. Mary's County Commission on Aging
November 28, 2016
Potomac Building

GUEST SPEAKERS: Ms. Kim Hall and Ms. Kara Scarbrough, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Hospice

Ms. Hall and Ms. Scarbrough presented information on the subject of *Understanding Hospice Care*.

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Janet Kellam, Chair, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Deb Johnstone, Gail Murdock, and Juanita Nether. Department of Aging & Human Services staff member was Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT: Nicky Pires

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the October 24, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Forrest; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether and Linda Fry
An outreach event is planned for December 8th at the St. George's Episcopal Church. Ms. Nether is planning an outreach event with the Delicados in January.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock
There is nothing to report at this time.
- Garvey Council – Gail Murdock / Dale Taylor
Ms. Taylor presented and discussed floor plan options developed for the new Garvey Senior Activity Center. A motion was made by Mr. Murdock to accept option 3 and seconded by Ms. Forrest; the motion passed.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Officers for the 2017 term—Janet Kellam
Ms. Kellam appointed Mr. Murdock to the Nominating Committee. Elections will be held in January.
- Public promotion of COA—Beth Sandberg
The County Administrator has advised it is acceptable to have a feature story in the newspaper.
- Revisit to “Challenges”—Janet Kellam
The Commission discussed the list of identified challenges.
- United Seniors of Maryland meeting—Janet Kellam
Ms. Kellam asked if any Commission members were interested in going to the meeting. The meeting will be held in Annapolis on January 25, 2017.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Draft 2016 Annual Report—Janet Kellam
The Commission on Aging members discussed the requested revisions and content of the report.
- Corresponding Secretary position—Janet Kellam
Ms. Kellam emailed a potential candidate for the Corresponding Secretary position. The potential candidate is not opposed to accepting the position.

- Agenda for January 2017 meeting—Janet Kellam
Ms. Debbie Barker, Senior & Information Division Manager is invited to the January meeting. The meeting will also be a planning meeting.
- Public Forum – Linda Fry
Ms. Fry suggested the Commission hold a public forum. Ms. Kellam suggested we revisit the idea at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Nether made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m. and Ms. Johnstone 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.