

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
September 26, 2016
Garvey Senior Activity Center

GUEST SPEAKER – Mary Ruth Horton

Ms. Horton spoke about the United Seniors of Maryland (USM) organization and State Legislative Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Janet Kellam, Chair, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Philip Holzbauer, Deb Johnstone, Gail Murdock, and Juanita Nether. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT: Nicky Pires and Susanne Wise-Campbell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Nether; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether and Linda Fry
The Committee is working on an additional Outreach event for December.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock
No official update at this time.
- Garvey Council – Gail Murdock
Planning and conducting numerous fund-raising events.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- State/Local Training meeting—Janet Kellam
Ms. Nether requested a summary of the meeting.
- Bylaw revision discussion—Janet Kellam
A motion to continue with the original/current purpose was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Nether and the majority of Commission members agreed; the motion passed.
- Revisit to “Challenges”—Janet Kellam
The Commission discussed the list of identified challenges.
Ms. Kellam asked Mr. Holzbauer to send a form letter to the St. Mary’s County senior housing facilities to request number of units and residency information.
- “Scams” presentation – Janet Kellam
The presentation from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General was very informative. This presentation would be a good subject topic for the upcoming Tri-County Commission on Aging.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Housing/Erickson Senior Forum—Deb Johnstone
Ms. Johnstone presented survey information from the Erickson Senior Forum.

- COA Future Planning/Ideas—Margaret Forrest
The Commission would like to advertise in the local papers.
- Agenda for October meeting & membership status—Beth Sandberg
Cynthia Brown is the guest speaker for the October meeting.
There are currently 9 members on the Commission on Aging.
- Information sharing—Janet Kellam
Ms. Mary Ruth Horton updated the Commission on Aging on the United Seniors of Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 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.