

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
July 22, 2024
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

CALL TO ORDER:

- Barbara O'Neal called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Barbara O'Neal
- Ms. Christine Morgan
- Ms. Rowena Bossio
- Ms. Sheryl Tomlinson
- Ms. Shalonda Nelson
- Ms. Shanika Queen
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director, Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

ABSENT:

- Ms. Megan Schoolcraft
- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Ms. Nicola Barr
- Ms. Dawnn Hahn

Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2024.

I move to approve the minutes of June 24, 2024.

Motion by Rowena Bossio, seconded by Christine Morgan, motion carried.

FINANCE:

- The new fiscal year started July 1st. Commission on Aging has a \$3000 budget, which will be available for use in arranging the first Nonagenarians Birthday Celebration.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Teresa, Jones, Comptroller of Maryland, Public Engagement Officer - Presented information regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Comptroller, while highlighting the areas of tax services and unclaimed property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Introduction of New Members - New members introduced themselves.
- Birthday Party/Nonagenarians Celebration - Members discussed hosting an annual event for seniors ages 90 and above. Flyers, certificates, gift packages will need to be created. The members would like to accept donations via community organizations. Tentatively, it was suggested that some time in May 2025 the party could be held. A recommendation that the Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technical Center (24005 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown) be the venue used for the celebration. Outreach to homebound seniors via the Home-Delivered Meals program was also discussed. In conclusion, the members decided to form a planning committee to further discuss, plan and organize and debrief the COA, as required.

OLD BUSINESS:

- COA Membership, Continuity, Focus and Goals, Plan Ahead - Ms. O'Neal discussed the need for a continuity plan identifying goals and guidance to be used by current and new COA members in planning activities and providing information in support of the senior population. The document, put together by Ms. Barbara O'Neal was presented to the members and identified six senior focus areas: legislation, transportation, housing, community and health supports, social and civic participation, and information sharing. It was recommended that the plan be reviewed annually. A few revisions were recommended.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Motion made by Nicola Barr, seconded by Christine Morgan, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

August 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

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