

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**April 24, 2017**  
**Garvey Senior Activity Center**

**GUEST SPEAKER** – Commissioner President, James R. Guy  
Commissioner Guy discussed the new Garvey Senior Activity Center, the Annual Report and the Bylaws with the members.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Janet Kellam, Chair, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Deb Johnstone, Gail Murdock, Juanita Nether, and Dale Taylor. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Sandie Greene, Office Manager

**ABSENT:** Nicky Pires

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the March 27, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Taylor; the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether and Linda Fry  
Ms. Nether attended the Outreach event at the Leonardtown Rotary club. The Leonardtown Lions Club and the Lexington Park Rotary Club are also on the schedule for Outreach and the DAHS Road Show. The Hollywood Lions Club showed interest in the Road Show as well. Ms. Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager, chooses to make the contact to schedule the Road Shows. Ms. Miller will provide event flyers.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock  
Most Bills have not moved. One Bill, affecting military retirees, moved forward.
- Garvey Council – Dale Taylor  
Some members of the Council are working with DAHS staff & Gary Whipple regarding the floor plan design of the new Garvey. The Council has refreshed their flyer. The Council is helping with Garvey activities.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Planning for Tri-County conference  
The details for the conference are being finalized. The COA is still looking for an Elder Law Attorney for the presentation.
- Public promotion of COA update-Margaret Forrest  
The Commission discussed the news article spotlighting the Commission on Aging. The draft article is complete and Ms. Forrest is working with the County Administrator to finalize.
- Revisit to “Challenges”-Janet Kellam  
The Commission briefly discussed the challenges.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- Information sharing/announcements-All  
Ms. Kellam and Ms. Taylor attended the Maryland Rural Health Focus Group led by Charles County Health Department.  
Ms. Forrest discussed upcoming NARFE webinar information.  
Ms. Kellam discussed the AARP Fraud seminar she attended which was sponsored by the Sheriff's Office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Johnstone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and Ms. Taylor 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.