



**CITY OF ST. MARYS**

418 OSBORNE STREET  
ST. MARYS, GEORGIA 31558

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St. Marys Convention and Visitors Bureau

**St. Marys Welcome Center**

**400 Osborne Street**

MINUTES: November 28, 3:30 p.m.

- I. Called to Order by Darlene Landreth
- II. Quorum: Yes. Sugar Yadav, Mardja Gray, Valerie Fautz, Darlene Landreth, Judy Thurner, Allen Rassi. Absent: Tyler Carpenter, Melissa Braun, Jane Alexander.
- III. Approval of the October 2023 Meeting Minutes  
Motion to Approve the Minutes by Judy Thurner and seconded by Mardja Gray.  
APPROVED.
- IV. Granting Audience to the Public (any speakers should provide name and address): None
- V. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to Approve the Agenda by Sugar Yadav and seconded by Valerie Fautz.
- VI. New Business
1. Updates from Cumberland Island National Seashore and Fort Frederica National Monument by Sarah Koenen or Pauline Wentworth – Staff could not attend. They are now on the winter schedule. The Christmas at Plum Orchard event was sold out.
  2. Updates from Crooked River State Park by Manny Stewart or Staff - Staff could not attend. The March 16<sup>th</sup> Woodstork Festival planning is well underway and is shaping up to be a full event.
- VII. Old Business
1. Tour of Homes Planning Updates – Angela Wigger shared that Wendi Ledford was able to get two homes for the tour, so we have 6 homes, 4 churches, 2 B&B's for the event.
  2. St. Marys Community Market Report – Valerie Fautz and/or Misti Kline- Valerie shared there are 33 vendors on the list and half of them come once or twice a month. She expects a good weekend with Christmas in the Park. On 12/19<sup>th</sup> they are encouraging vendors and guests to wear ugly Christmas sweaters.
  3. Annual Authority Report to City Council and volunteer recognition – Date: November 20<sup>th</sup> – Darlene Landreth shared that she and Angela Wigger recognized Bob Conklin and Bob Dickman and presented the appreciation gifts, and our annual report was given to council.
- VIII. Business & Event Updates – Angela Wigger or BOD Members
- IX. Hotel/Motel Tax & Financials Review – Angela Wigger reviewed total actual year to date revenue is \$106,959 and year to date expenditures are \$95,184. Hotel Motel Tax received to date is \$87,107.00.
- X. Director's Report/ Other/Marketing – Angela Wigger – Reviewed upcoming holiday events. BRAG is scheduled Feb. 18-23 with the CVB hosted reception planned for 2/21/2024.
- XI. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Judy Thurner and seconded by Mardja Gray.  
ADJOURNED.

Minutes by Angela Wigger

The mission of the St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau (SMCVB) is to promote St. Marys, Cumberland Island, and the Camden County area as a desirable tourist destination, increase the overall economic impact and overnight stays of visitors to the area, and foster a quality visitor experience to benefit the city.