

**Howard County Consumer Protection Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2019**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.**

Present: Sandra Price, Young Smith, Ellen Kuhn, Richard Green, and Robin Scates. Marshall McLeod, participated via conference call.

**Minutes from the January meeting – Approved as read.**

**Monthly Statistics**

Reviewed and discussed. Richard commented that the inquiry numbers have been decreasing. Robyn had suggestions that may help give visibility to OCP. She suggested OCP hold a town meeting and go to County Council to help put out word about OCP. Lila, Richard and Ellen said they didn't think this is something the council would do. Richard suggested OCP partner with Office on Aging and Independence. Lila said that we already do.

**Van Hollen / Frosh**

Lila informed the Board that the event will be held at the N Laurel Community Center on 2/28/19. Board member can attend if they wish but are not needed to staff table unless they want to. Sandra said that she plans to attend. Richard and Marshall both said they are unable to attend.

**National Consumer Protection Week**

Sandra pulled 7 fact sheets from OCP website and wants one per day for the week to be posted on Facebook and OCP website. Sandra indicated that she would like to see OCP prepare a tip sheet on computer viruses and scams. Robyn said she would like to see on travel scams. Lila said that she will make sure the tip sheets are posted.

**Shred Event in June**

Along with AARP and Office on Aging and Independence, date not known yet.

**Budget**

The Board agreed to spend the entire \$1000 budget on giveaways. All agreed on the cellphone pocket with stand. Jar openers and ice cream scoops were also discussed. Lila said that she will find the cellphone pockets and order them. She will also email Board what is chosen.

**Announcements / New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday March 6, 2019 at the DCRS office.