

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County
Minutes of the September 22, 2011 Meeting

Place: City Council Chambers

Began: 3:30 PM

Ended: About 4:30

Board Attending: Brian Steigler, Gerry Wood, George Whitehead, and Marion Keenan

Others Attending: Mayor Ireton, SU Book Division Manager Gerry Wood, International Student Advisor Agata Liszkowska, Graduate Assistant for International Education Mike Wessel, SSA SU Intern Samantha Foley, and approximately fourteen students from Japan, one from Spain, and one from Nigeria.

Dr. Whitehead welcomed the students and introduced visitors. He explained the function of Sister Cities and noted that we have "Sisters" in Tartu, Estonia and in Salisbury, UK. Additionally, Dalian China is our Friendship City. While introducing our Intern, Samantha, who is a Communication Arts major, Dr. Whitehead noted that this event will be featured in our newsletter.

In addressing the students, Dr. Steigler noted that this is our fourth year of Salisbury Sister Cities Association bringing international students to meet with the Mayor of Salisbury. The current Mayor is a teacher and therefore quite interested in education.

Most of the visiting students are Freshmen at SU, are in an English as a Second Language program. They have diverse majors.

Mayor Ireton welcomed the group, asked the visiting students about their studies and interests, described his duties as mayor, and spoke about the City of Salisbury. After welcoming questions from the students, he described the City Council's work, briefly described our history and our Seal and Flags, and discussed the local economy. He also spoke proudly about his years as a student at Salisbury University.

Date and time of next meeting to be determined.

Submitted by: Marion Keenan