

Sister Cities of Salisbury/Wicomico County

Minutes

February 12, 2013

Attending: Ernest Boger, Carole Champagne, Bryan Burrows-Mc Elwain, Emily Outtarac, Brian Stiegler, and George Whitehead

George introduced Emily Outtarac, our CMAT intern for this semester. She is presently writing an article for the SU Flyer. This semester she will be writing and editing our second newsletter and finalizing our Fact Sheet.

Bryan updated us the MEEC meetings in Annapolis on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2013. Bryan, Carole, and Ernest attended the events. They met Karl Altau, the Managing Director of JBANC (Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc.) and Tanel Sepp, Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of the Republic of Estonia. Bryan also reported that a \$5.00 coin will be minted in honor of MD Sister-State program. There is a forthcoming event to support the programs.

George distributed the bookmark to the members in attendance. They were very impressed with the final product. Kudos to everyone involved in designing it.

Emily is going to work with the group to finalize the fact sheet. Thanks to Marion for the latest version. Please send Emily any additions or revisions to the fact sheet. We would like to complete it this semester.

Brian updated us on Brigadier General Meelis Kilili's visit to MD on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. He may visit Salisbury. He also informed us of the new Rector of the University of Tartu's visit to Salisbury in April. George will ask Dick Hoffman to meet with the Rector in Estonia regarding his visit to Salisbury.

We discussed our intent to form a Sister City relationship with Cuenca, Ecuador. Another connection with Cuenca is that Jeff Schoyen from SU will be traveling there.

Ernest and Bryan thanked Brian for providing information about the Benjamin Gillman Scholarship. 7 UMES students applied.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 5 at 4:00 at GOB 306.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Whitehead

