

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County

**Minutes of the April 1, 2014 Meeting**

**Began:** 4:00 PM in Government Office Building Room 306. **Ended:** 5:34 PM.

**Attending:** Marion Keenan, Tom Welsh, Tony Russo, Therese Hamilton, Ernest Boger, Stefany Ruiz, and Carole Champagne

**Minutes:** February 4, 2014 Minutes, posted on website, were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Ernest reported no changes.

**Intern Report:** SU intern, Stefany Ruiz, reported on her projects:

**Cuenca, Ecuador:** In late February Stefany met with Brian Stiegler, who sent her links to organizations in Cuenca. One link is to American Chamber of Commerce in Cuenca.

**Spanish translations:** She will translate some of our webpages, links, and our bookmark. Stefany will also send us Brittany's *Weebly* practicum website so future interns can use it.

**Third Friday:** Stefany plans a guitarist, singer, two or more salsa and bachata dancers, and other tentative performers. She may hold a raffle for local business gift cards and organize international games. She will make a flyer, write a press release, and make a banner for visitors to sign for the dedication of the Sister Cities pole at Shorebirds Stadium. The Youth Leadership Academy will commemorate the pole on Wednesday, August 13.

The Board agreed to change our Third Friday participation from April 18 to May 16. SWAC can share a table and jointly sponsor events. Therese suggested that SWAC share promotions and combine the student dancers with the new Salisbury Salsa dance club.

**Dalian, China:** No report

**Tartu, Estonia:** On March 4 Board members dined at the Irish Penny with SU visiting artist, Pusa. A bad snowstorm had closed SU, affecting our ability to visit the downtown gallery then.

**Salisbury, England:** Marion reported her appointment with its Mayor on October 14. She will visit former Mayor and Mayoress, Jan and Kevin Cardy, for several days in Southampton. Photos of their official meetings with us several years ago, as well as our party for them at Marion's home, are on our website.

**Website:** Tom suggested that every Board member have an informal biography or write-up linked to their name on the website. Members agreed to send him one.

**Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament:** Cindy Feist was unable to attend. However, all agreed that an October 11-12 Golf Tournament would not conflict either with September 27's Seagull Century or with SU's homecoming.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 4 PM

**Submitted by:** Carole Champagne