

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County

Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Meeting

Began: 4:05 PM in Government Office Building Conference Room. **Ended:** 5:05 PM.

Attending: Marion Keenan, Tom Welsh, Madelyn Granger, Luyao Yan, Cathie Thomas, Therese Hamilton, Hong Yao, Tony Russo, and Carole Champagne

Minutes: August 4, 2014 Minutes were posted on website and approved.

Treasurer's report: no report

Fall 2014 Intern Report: Madelyn will write press releases and Fall Newsletter for upcoming events and news about President Obama's recent visits to Tallinn and Stonehenge.

Third Friday: September 19. Madelyn plans "Games Around the World" program. Visitors will sign a banner that was intended for the dedication of the Sister Cities pole at Shorebirds Stadium. SWAC will share a table and jointly sponsor activities for Third Friday events in September and October. Raffle gift certificates may be donated by local businesses.

Dalian, China: Hong was a guest professor appointed by the President of DUFE (Dongbei University of Finance and Economics) appointed by its President. MBA Students have exchanges with the Perdue School. She will check procedures and documents for converting it from Friendship to Sister City status with Dalian.

Tartu, Estonia: Tony will contact Jonas from Tallinn about digital pen pals and Instagram photo exchanges between schools in Estonia and Salisbury. Carole's daughter worked with school science and art fairs in Tartu. She may have contacts.

Cuenca, Ecuador: Tony will send Cuenca updates to Brian.

Salisbury, England: Marion will visit Mayor Broom on September 14. She will visit the Salisbury region for a week, and she will deliver a crystal-style paperweight from Mayor Ireton during a simple ceremony.

Chamber events: Cathie invited George, Ernest, and Marion to present "Three Minute Talks" at future monthly luncheons. They can do a nine-minute Chamber Chat segment in November. Cathie will give Madelyn a media list for press releases.

Website: Tom will post Spanish versions of the bookmark sent by Carole. Board members should send their Biographies, recent photos, and event links to Tom. He nominated Luyao as a Board Member. Marion seconded his nomination, with unanimous and hearty approval.

Mayoral Welcome for International Students: October 7. Tony will take photos. Carole will write an article. Hong asked Carole to coordinate with Brian to announce well in advance and drive students from campus. Some students did not know about the event in past years.

The Tuesday ceremony will replace the October Monday meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, November 3, 2014 at 4 PM

Submitted by: Carole Champagne