

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County

Minutes of the March 1, 2016 Meeting

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

Attending: Marion Keenan, George Whitehead, Ernest Boger, Theo Williams, Carole Champagne

Minutes: January Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Ernest said that the balance was the same as January's balance.

Tartu, Estonia: Marion and Carole met Carl Pucci for lunch at Specific Gravity. Carl presented his E-Governance proposals to Salisbury City and County Planning Department after the E-Governance conference at the Estonian Embassy on December 4. Ernest arranged the meeting with Jack Lenox, Director of City and County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development. While Dr. Boger finalized the January 22 meeting, he chaired a meeting in Ocean City the same day. Marju Korts, Embassy Secretary, and Toivo Tagments could not attend because of the snow storm.

Collaboration with Jack Lenox, Laura Mitchel, City and County Coordinator and Council Member, and Richard Hoppes, City and County Fire Chief, will be facilitated by Towson University Center for GIS, the Maryland partner of the Estonian company. Ernest will contact Jack to gauge interest and facilitate follow-up meetings with Towson University Center for GIS.

Salisbury, England: No report.

Cuenca, Ecuador: No report.

Website: Carole submitted articles and photos to Tom.

Future Topic: George, Marion, and Carole will attend the Maryland Sister States Legislative Reception at the Miller Building of the State House in Annapolis on March 23. Carole reported that the event last year was well-organized and well-attended. Bryan Burrows-McElwain represented Western Maryland. They met Governor Hogan's wife, Secretary of State Wobensmith and Deputy Secretary of State Borunda.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 4:00 PM **Submitted by:** Carole Champagne