

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County

Minutes of the April 5, 2016 Meeting

Began: 4:00 PM in Government Office Building Conference Room 306. **Ended:** 5:10 PM.

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

Minutes: March Minutes were approved.

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

Press Release: Marion will send a press release with one of the best photos about the Sister States Legislative Reception on March 23. She will send articles to Salisbury Daily Times, The Independent, and The Star.

Tartu, Estonia: Toivo Tagamets wants to screen the film Breathe as One in Salisbury. He has permission by the director to screen it four times in Maryland. George asked June Kress-Salgado about a screening at Salisbury University. She may allow an event for the Fall 2016 Panorama. The Fact Sheet was updated by Darby, but the updated version was not published. George added events related to Estonia from 2014 and 2015. Carole communicated with an Estonian student at Salisbury University. The student will contact other Estonians in Salisbury. Ernest contacted Jack Lenox about the e-governance presentation. Jack said that the system was too advanced for Salisbury and the city and county recently invested in different systems.

Salisbury, England: No report.

South American Sister City: Carole will contact Milagros Pella (Madaleine Schwartz) at UMBC. Deputy Secretary of State Borunda asked Carole to serve on the Education Committee chaired by Milagros. The committee works with Peruvian educators involved in the new Sister States agreement with Piura, Peru. Two universities already work with Maryland. Carole will ask Milagros about contacts in the city of Piura who may be interested in a Sister Cities relationship.

Website: Updated Fact Sheet and recent photos will be sent to Tom Welsh. Dropbox submissions will update the website.

Future Topic: George will contact Agata to determine if the International Students have time in April or early May to meet Mayor Day.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 4:00 PM **Submitted by:** Carole Champagne