

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County

Minutes of the June 7, 2016 Meeting

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

Attending: Marion Keenan, Cindy Feist, Ernest Boger, John Hickman, Carole Champagne

Minutes: May Minutes were approved.

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

Dalian, China: Cindy will check on which Dalian officials should be contacted and what steps to take in order to convert our friendship agreement to a sister agreement.

Tartu, Estonia: A friend of the Estonians from the Sister States Legislative Reception contacted Carole. Agu Ets said that his daughter Hillevi was the first Estonian student to study at Salisbury University. The exchange program with University of Tartu began at that time. He will be return to Tartu on June 15, and can give messages to the mayor and other city officials.

Salisbury, England: Marion and Tom sent articles from the online Salisbury Journal. Marion sent links for online subscribers. The Magna Carta will be highlighted in trifold brochures and other materials for the Third Friday table. The next Mayor Making ceremony on the second or third Saturday of May can be recorded and projected onto a big screen. The "Urban Salisbury" group projected large-screen films, so the equipment is available. Jake Day can have a live conversation via Skype or prerecorded congratulation speech with his counterpart. The 756th Right Worshipful Mayor Brown was sworn in on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Third Friday May 2017 will occur almost a week after the next Mayor Making ceremony.

SU Intern: Chelsea Brennan will publish a Newsletter during the Fall Semester. She will host the Third Friday table. She will share materials that Darby updated and make new educational material about the Magna Carta and other important cultural themes.

Fourth Sister City potential in South America: Carole will speak in greater detail with Melissa Aristizabal about her South American International Education meetings with different universities. Melissa may suggest Peruvian cities interested in agreements.

Future Topic: John will follow up on discussions with Dave Ryan about potential international business connections.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 4:00 PM **Submitted by:** Carole Champagne