

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County

Minutes of the August 2, 2016 Meeting

Began: 4:00 PM in Government Office Building Conference Room 306. **Ended:** 5:30 PM.

Attending: Marion Keenan, Cindy Feist, George Whitehead, Therese Hamilton, Hong Yao, Theo Williams, Carole Champagne, and guest, Nancy Talbot

Minutes: June Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: no report

Dalian, China: Hong Yao reported that she, Ying Wu, and Kathie Wright from the Perdue School presented lectures at the Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (DUFE) in Dalian in June. The lectures were well-received. Ying Wu was also invited to give talks in Beijing to a group of international scholars from Brazil's University of St. Paul. Matt Trader of Rinnier Development will bring a Suzhou Donshan Precision Manufacturing research facility to Salisbury's Deer Pointe Professional Park.

Tartu, Estonia: A business delegation of 19 Estonians from Tartu will visit Salisbury from September 6 to 9. Nineteen delegates represent IT Cluster, Reach U, CIT, Positium, and Jiffy technology and application businesses. The Mayor of Tartu will accompany the group. Tentative schedule: On September 7, a breakfast and presentations at Headquarters Live open to the community. Board members are invited. There will be an evening reception at EVO. On September 8, there will be a Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Roundtable Breakfast.

The delegation will visit the Salisbury Zoo and tour Salisbury University's campus. Dean Karen Olmsted and Bill Burke should be involved in the Salisbury University campus visit. Marion will contact Julia Glanz about being on the agenda for the delegation reception to present a gift from Sister Cities. The "Singing to Our Sister" video will be given to the Mayor of Tartu, Urmas Klaas. It should be screened for the delegation during their visit.

Salisbury, England: Yesterday Marion sent an article about a major discovery of Roman coins jewelry in Salisbury, UK from the Salisbury Journal.

SU Intern: Chelsea Brennan will attend meetings during the fall semester. Assigned projects include a Sister Cities booth at Third Fridays, press releases about Salisbury Sister Cities, and a newsletter for the community. As Chelsea's mentor, Marion encourages all Board members to suggest further projects.

Potential Fourth Sister City in Ethiopia: George met with Dave Ryan of SWED about potential international business connections. Perdue has business agreements with Ethiopia. An Ethiopian city is interested in an agreement. George will ask Dave to have the interested parties contact the Board.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 4:00 PM **Secretary:** Carole Champagne