

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting began at 4:02 p.m.

Present: John Hickman, George Whitehead, Julie English, Gloria Atameklo, Cullen Magner, Gerry Wood, Nate Samson, Carole Champagne

Cullen showed a PowerPoint related to the October 16 Third Friday theme “Superheroes.” The outdoor event was rained out, but the PowerPoint was for the virtual event. The only literal superhero that he found was Captain Britain. Estonia has a Superheroes academy for girls to develop professional skills, run by female stock market executive and entrepreneur women. Ecuador has several Go Fund Me startups for the public good. Cullen talked to Mendy Nitsch of the Maryland Sister States Program.

Gloria will research our website, Mission Statement. She will update annual and special events. Special events like an annual virtual summit and pen pals are potential activities.

Reports and updates:

Tartu, Estonia: George and Carole recommended that Cullen contact Toivo Tagamets, President of Maryland Estonia Exchange Council. He is from Narva, Sister City of Bel Air. He can share fascinating stories about his family who were political prisoners imprisoned by Russia. He has many visuals like videos, posters, brochures, and photos from every event.

Salisbury, UK: Gerry met with the planning committee to discuss the visit from David Halls. He does not want to commit to a specific date in May 2021 and have it postponed again. The current budget is about \$9500. The SWAC grant may be applied in 2021. He is concerned about the donors who will wait another year. He said that many multimedia links, including well-produced videos about Salisbury Cathedral and David Halls, would increase interest in future events while we wait for travel and schedule updates.

Salinas, Ecuador: Carole did not receive news from Mayor Daniel Cisneros. A message from Salisbury Office of the Mayor may elicit a response.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Next meeting: December 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. through Zoom meeting