

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting began at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Gerry Wood, Carole Champagne (very briefly), George Whitehead, Julie English, Therese Hamilton, and Tom Welsh (briefly)

Approval of minutes

This was not done since a correction was needed from March. Carol had left to teach her class and was not available to discuss this.

“Salisbury, UK: Gerry discussed a YouTube series narrated by David Halls. Salisbury Cathedral Choir Director Nick Papadopoulos shared ideas for a singalong with the Salisbury, MD choir community...”

This should read: “Salisbury, UK: Gerry discussed a YouTube series featuring a virtual choral number for children organized by David Halls, Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral. He invited Children’s choirs to virtually join his own at the Cathedral and participate on Easter Day. The Cathedral Dean, Nick Papadopoulos, introduced the project and offered a warm welcome.

Treasurer’s Report:

No expenditures have occurred in the past month. The cost of post cards with the new 2022 dates and postage stamps was covered by Gerry.

Tartu, Estonia: No report

Salinas, Ecuador:

George reported that Wicomico Public Schools has a Spanish Honor Society which is interested in developing a pen-pal/on-line exchange program with students in Salinas. He has met with Carolina Bown from Salisbury University who is trying to find someone to assist in coordinating in Ecuador. Julie will also check with Julia about helping us with contacts in Ecuador.

George has worked with Therese at SWAC to initiate the Youth Artists and Authors Showcase. He clarified with Sister Cities International that it could be opened to all students in Wicomico County ages 13 to 18. He also thought there would be some prize money available from them. Therese expressed support and help with this project and the possibility of Sister Cities obtaining a SWAC grant for funding. Other ideas were for all to gather gift cards and certificates as prizes. The Board agreed to take on this project.

Salisbury, England:

Gerry reported that the donors has been sent a post card informing them of the new dates (2022) for the Salisbury Cathedral Celebration. David has this on his calendar and most of the participants have been re-invited. Since the SWAC grant of \$1000 had to be refunded since the event could not be held in the award year, we will re-apply for the grant. Therese said that the first deadline is June 15, 2021 and the next grant deadline is in November, 2021. Gerry will meet with Therese to determine how to proceed with re-applying.

Gerry will sent electronic copies of the “New Dates” post card to the Board so they can be easily forwarded. He requested addresses of anyone interested in the event so that he could mail a hard copy card.

Therese said that SWAC is giving a lot of emergency grants and continues to be very busy. Their new website is very good and has a place for donating.

Interns:

George said that there are several sources for an intern for Fall. He asked us what tasks we needed to have done. Therese said that she desperately needed help in her office. Julie said that the City has used unpaid interns for a long time and to great advantage. We will think about what needs to be accomplished through this help.

Julie reminded the Board that 3rd Friday begins soon. George indicated that our 3 county flags and our posters seem to have disappeared. Our last intern did not have them when he represented us at 3rd Fridays.

Tom requested the meeting agenda and minutes for the website.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55.

Next meeting: May 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. through Zoom meeting.