

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
March 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting began at 4:05 p.m.

Present: George Whitehead, Gerry Wood, Nate Sansom, Marion Keenan, Carole Champagne

Reports and updates:

Members present approved February 2022 Minutes.

Intern: Jansen Hass will work on the Salisbury Main Library bulletin board. George asked if anyone had passwords to edit the Facebook page. It has not been updated since 2018.

George hoped that Therese would discuss YAAS. Art educators did not respond. The competition will be offered next October.

Tartu, Estonia: Nate said that Letters were sent to the City of Tartu wishing them a Happy Independence Day on February 24. He sent letter and messages to the Embassy of Estonia in Washington. Governor Hogan severed ties with Leningrad/St. Petersburg Sister State.

Dalian, China: Nate said that Pinehurst Elementary School sent the first group of files to Dalian schools. 5th graders. Nate plans virtual meetings between Pinehurst Elementary and Dalian school administrators this semester.

Salinas, Ecuador: Carole will work with a Peruvian colleague if she cannot find an Ecuadorean student to make a presentation. She plans to prepare a live library presentation in April. She knows students from other South American countries. She will ask Carolina Bown or Brian Stiegler if they know Ecuadorean students.

Salisbury, UK: Salisbury, UK: Gerry finalized an agreement with Father David at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to host the Cathedral Celebration on May 25, 26, 27 there. Although it needs to be confirmed, there should not be an additional event insurance requirement. British SU Professor Jim Burton will be the Master of Ceremonies on May 27. Although the organ recital will be virtual, most other events will proceed as planned just without the presence of David Halls. The Children's Choir will plan to have a virtual workshop with David Halls of the Cathedral prior to the Celebration possibly at SU where there is more space. Gerry will check into contact people for a letter of greetings from the English Mayor. Nate noted that UK and Ecuadorean flags can be ordered online if needed. A large exterior quality Estonian flag arrived in days for his bridge dedication event.

Organization: Nate suggested association structural reorganization so that Sister Cities has greater communication between the Office of the Mayor and embassies. Better coordination and participation may increase membership.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10. Next meeting will be at the GOB on April 5, 2022.