

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

GOB Room 301 meeting began at 4:05 p.m.

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

Reports and updates: Members present approved March 2022 Minutes.

Treasurer: George serves as Interim Treasurer. SWAC awarded \$1000 for Cathedral Celebration.

Intern: Jansen Hass will design the Salisbury Main Library large wall bulletin board. Aurelio said that a large wall space is available for flags, posters, and other large items. A medium-sized display case can display small souvenirs from Salinas and Tartu. Jensen will prepare a flyer for media outlets and meet with Carole to enhance the PowerPoint for her May 3 presentation at the Library. George and Carole discussed refreshments and recipes from some of the Sister Cities.

George said that future of YAAS would be discussed with Therese.

Tartu, Estonia: Gerry sent a note of greeting and Solidarity to Ambassador Prikk. Carole contacted SU Center for International Education. No Estonian or Ecuadorean students are enrolled this year.

Dalian, China: Nate sent members slides of the PowerPoints between Pinehurst Elementary School and some slides from Dalian schools. Initial virtual files were sent between both schools. Carole will include the history and current activities of the Friendship relationship. Dalian is on Lockdown, so schools are currently closed

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 distributed letter to Friends and Donors. The May 24 to 26 schedule is listed on the letter. He researched large screens and projectors. A 72-inch projector is available at St. Peter's Church. The cost of renting a large monitor is similar to buying a large screen. Best Buy suggested using a high-resolution monitor with a sheet. Aurelio will inquire about technical assistance. Mayor Day has a schedule conflict, but he will prepare a citation. WSCL will air 32 radio ads.

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 5:00. Next meeting will be at the GOB on May 10, 2022.