

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
Via Zoom
February 4 2025 at 4:00pm.

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Edited Zoom Transcribed notes Sister Cities meeting 02/04/2025 4:00 PM

Attend: John Hickman, George Whitehead, Tom Welsh, Carol Champagne

Meeting held via zoom due to work at Library

1. Approve Minutes.
Accepted as emailed
2. Intern:
 - a. Durham Butcher
 - b. Doing a newsletter relative sports, interviews with Chris Bitters at Shorebirds, James Simmons about governor's challenge. Sisters International is looking at sports in terms of diplomacy, on February 25th at 2 - Sports Diplomacy Global Conversation, can become part of what he puts together.
 - c. Estonia piano company and it turns out a local Presbyterian church has one from them, he may do an interview and find out more about it.
 - d. SU Sister Says International presentation mentioned in SU Panorama on page 24, George will try to connect with Amanda Welsh is the one who supervises this internship
3. Treasurer's report.
 - a. No changes
4. Md Estonian Exchange Updates
 - a. MEEC legislative session in the treasury building, Annapolis. Event. is March 12th from 530 to 730. Data has been changed, George may attend, he will let Mary know updated information.
5. Reports and updates:
 - a. Dalian, China:
 - i. None
 - b. Tartu, Estonia

- i. Covered above in Intern.
 - ii. Barbara Chow, chair of MEEC is working on a mental health conference over in Estonia. George on that committee as well and has sent her several suggestions. She's evidently on a cruise in the pacific. It's supposed to be in the fall.
 - c. Salinas, Ecuador
 - i. In prior meeting we had meeting with Salisbury Mayor and having some kind of conversation on his thoughts on the relationship, we have had almost no contact with Salinas.
 - d. Salisbury, England
 - i. George heard back from Jan Carney, she was concerned about Dick Keenan. He reached out to Dick Keenan.
- 6. Other business:
 - a. We will stay on our current schedule for meeting in March, maybe if we're back in the library we could have Zoom as long as the connectivity at the library is sufficient.
 - b. Asked Tom if there anything Durham could help with to put on the website. Tom noted we haven't had any content changes from the individual sister cities in a long time. It may interesting to have an interview about MEEC. Tom said just would need to be put on YouTube, no longer than two or three minutes. Also discussed content related to Stone at Twilley Center from Salisbury England.

Next meeting : March 4, back at library