

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County
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Minutes of the May 4, 2010 Meeting

Place: Government Office Building

Attending: Chair George Whitehead, SU Intern Jennifer Mjake, Gillian Babb (SU Communication Arts student who will be our new Intern) Cindy Feist, Brian Stiegler, Therese Hamilton, and Marion Keenan

Minutes of April 1 meeting: Distributed via email prior to meeting. Approved.

Vice Chair: George thanked Marion for agreeing to serve as Vice Chair of the organization.

Intern Project: Jennifer and Gillian sought further advise on completing their project to film "International Salisbury." They did a "shoot" at Cactus Taverna this, with an interview with the owner. Plan to film at Vinny's La Roma. Brian Stiegler offered to contact the Iranian owners of Tuscany Grill and Cindy will do the same at Namaste. The popsicle stand at Mexican restaurant near Giant was suggested. There is a Salsa Dance Studio, and also increasing numbers of churches with services in Korean and Spanish. There is a mosque near Lowe's in North Salisbury and a Hindu Temple on Parker Road near Old Ocean City Road.

Bienvenidos Delmarva is at SU in the Beacon Building at College and Camden Aves. Congregants from sub Saharan Africa sometimes wear traditional garb to services at St. Francis de Sales, as do Koreans others.

Brian suggested bringing our brochure to the owners or congregation leaders of these organizations to introduce the filming concept.

A "Voyage of International Discovery" will be held at Winterplace Park; Mike Hoy at DPI is a contact.

Tartu, Estonia: Despite Cindy's outstanding organization, the display and educational/cultural event on Tartu at the Chamber of Commerce on April's Third Friday brought no visitors. The group discussed ways to make the public more aware of what was going on and how to find the event.

Cindy distributed May's issue of the Chamber's *Business Journal*, which contained an article on Sister Cities, our relationships, and Tartu, Estonia.

Salisbury, UK: Marion agreed to organize the June 18 Third Friday exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce and do the publicity. She will seek materials from Jan Cardy, Simon Maher, and others in Salisbury UK. The Salisbury UK Sister Cities organization is operated by the City.

Dalian, China: Students from Maryland's Sister State, Anhui Province, will be at our fall meeting at the Government Office Building, along with other SU students.

Proposed Sister City in Latin America: Brian outlined the benefits of a possible relationship with a city in Chile. Although we have local residents from Mexico and Central America, we also have professionals from South America. Additionally, one of our major firms, MaTech, is owned by the Corea family from Chile. SU has signed a MOA with an accounting school in Chile. We will contact the Corea family to seek their advice.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Feist reported that there has been no change in our account since the last meeting. However, we must pay dues soon and that will bring our account down to about \$200. Donations may be made to the Chamber of Commerce Foundation and designated to Sister Cities. As we are not incorporated yet as a 501(c)3 organization, we are not eligible for grants from the CFES; however, Cindy will speak with Spicer about this. It is unlikely that the City could provide financial support. George offered to speak with Jan Wiseman of the Greater Salisbury Committee, which was instrumental in establishing our Sister Cities.

Brian noted that Queen Anne's County has an "Eastern Shore Sister County Committee." His contact is Susie Ford. In order to be independent of the County government, it is a membership organization.

Dorchester County, however, is involved in its Sister City/County organization.

Cultural Arts:

Therese reported on progress with the chorale performance to film for DVD or CD presentation to Tartu. Doug Smith, his Salisbury Chorale, and others are working on this with Therese. We prefer to have the performance filmed on DVD and SU has superior capabilities. We might also tie in songs from Salisbury, UK. The choir of its famed Cathedral is excellent.

George will contact June at SU to reserve the Great Hall for the fall. We hope to have the performance aired on PAC 14 as well.

Therese Hamilton expressed continued interest in working with June Krell Salgado at SU.

Agreed to show the Tartu DVD during May's 3rd Friday (May 21), possibly at the Chamber of Commerce. Cindy will discuss with Chamber Exec. Dir. The following month (June 18) we could feature Salisbury UK. Marion will get the material from Salisbury UK.

Agreed that our archives of such music and film would be best stored at our County Library.

Education: Lori Boch will chair this committee.

Jude DeLucco, Principal at St. Francis de Sales, is eager to work with the parochial school in Salisbury UK that requested a Sister School.

2010 meetings: Confirmed for Wednesday, June 9 at the Government Office Building.

Submitted by Vice Chair, Marion Keenan