

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County
Minutes of the April 3, 2012 Meeting

Place: Chamber of Commerce

Began: About 4 PM

Ended: About 5 PM

Board Attending: Chairman George Whitehead, Treasurer Ernest Boger, Carole Champagne, and Vice-Chair Marion Keenan.

Minutes: The March 14 Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ernest reported that there is \$755 in our account. An additional donation was forwarded during the meeting.

May 5 Conference with the Board of Education: The Board discussed the flyer and agreed that both Sister Cities and CFES logos will be in on it. Judy Lynn Mitchell has five rooms reserved. School food service will prepare lunch. The charge is \$5. Reservations are requested by April 27. Our intern Justin will send press releases to Salisbury University, WBOC, WMDT, and the Daily Times of Salisbury.

Estonia: Carole Champagne, Bryan Burrows-McElwain, and Marion Keenan will represent Salisbury Sister Cities at the April 19 Sister Cities and Sister State meeting in Annapolis. At 3 PM that day, the Maryland Estonia Exchange Council (MEEC) will meet in the offices of the Maryland Secretary of State to discuss the Maryland-Estonia partnership, its activities, and the aims of the Sister State/Sister Cities/Council program. Following the MEEC meeting, the Secretary of State will conduct a meeting of the Maryland International Consortium (MIC). Carole Champagne read aloud a thank you letter written March 29 by the Estonian Ambassador on Embassy stationery. She wrote that the map of Salisbury gift is in her office as a reminder of her warm welcome here and of Salisbury University's students and faculty.

Sister City in Central or South America: George will contact La Merced Executive Director Tina Perotta about attending the next meeting.

Sister Cities in the news: Ernest Boger reported on several newspaper articles related to Sister Cities. One was in the *Worcester County Coastal Dispatch*. A member of the Ocean City Council inquired as to why Ocean City does not have a Sister City in Canada. Since many Canadians vacation in the United States, this seemed like a good idea. Daytona Beach's Sister Cities has a young artist competition. Sister Cities International does the same, holding its competition in Washington D.C.

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County fact sheet: George distributed copies and requested that we send recommendations for edits or additional information to Justin at: ja66295@gulls.salisbury.edu.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Submitted by: Vice-Chair Marion Keenan