

Sister Cities of Salisbury/Wicomico County  
Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Meeting

The meeting originally scheduled for 4 PM began at about 4:20 in room 306 of the Government Office Building. Attending were George Whitehead, John Hickman, and Marion Keenan. Carole Champagne arrived after the meeting concluded at about 4:50. Many board members had reported that they would not be able to attend because of work conflicts.

**Minutes:** There was general consensus to approve the April 5 Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Prior to our meeting, Ernest Boger had reported that our account balance remains the same, about \$106. We hope to use these funds to promote awareness of Salisbury and Wicomico County. Our required dues to Sister Cities International are in the Mayor's proposed budget. We plan to attend the City Council's May 9 public meeting on the Mayor's budget. It begins at 6 PM. We wish support the inclusion of our required dues to Sister Cities International in the budget.

**Tourism and Economic Development:** Noting that Sister Cities has a positive effect on economic development, George spoke of our group's relevance to the Salisbury/Wicomico Economic Development Committee. He reported on some aspects of its most recent meeting.

**Potential Sisters:** We continue to consider a relationship with both an African and Latin American city. George suggested potential opportunities for an Ethiopian sister. Previously we had discussed Nigeria. We agreed to explore potential "sisters" in these two nations and consider both economic and cultural advantages. We have a significant local presence of African professionals. Carole reported that she is continuing her work on establishing a relationship with Piura, Peru.

**Salisbury University Internships:** Marion reported that she has an interview tomorrow with a prospective intern, Chelsea Brennan, who is interested in working with us during the fall semester.

Marion also represented us last Wednesday at a SU event recognizing organizations providing internship experiences for SU students. Retiring Professor Jodi Rose was honored for her work overseeing internships with non-profit organizations. Invited to say a few words, Marion spoke of Jodi's excellent work in collaborating with us.

Next meeting: June 7 at 4 PM