

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting began at 4:00.

Present: John Hickman, George Whitehead, Julie English, Tom Welsh, Gerald Wood, Cullen Magner, Carole Champagne

Cullen, the new Intern, is a Communications Major and Marketing Minor Senior at SU. He is involved in many organizations at SU, he is the Grand Procurator (Vice President) of the Pi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at SU..

George will meet with Cullen on Friday. Some of his charges include: Webinars, Newsletter about Sister Cities International, promote our local events, E-Newsletter, Third Friday booth or table participation. Julie said that all Third Friday themes are linked to the City of Salisbury website. Tables will be provided for outdoor vendors this fall.

George does not have the old mailing list, but most addresses were from the Chamber of Commerce. E-newsletters are preferable.

No Treasurer's report. Ernest moved to Florida, so we need a new treasurer.

Tom updates website content. The Cathedral Celebration is the headliner. He seeks new content.

Julie said that grant opportunities are linked to the City Finance Office. She will forward any pertinent grant information to us.

Reports and updates:

Tartu, Estonia: Tom converted video of 2019 Estonian Musicians to a YouTube link. George and Carole have not heard from Milton Davis since his message that MEEC would hold a Zoom meeting on August 25. Nate represented the City of Salisbury during a 2019 visit with the Tartu government. He will share Estonian materials with Cullen. Carole receives regular JBANC newsletters from Karl Altau. Recent news is related to support for Belarus democracy.

Salisbury, UK: Tom updates website content. Gerry Wood updated the Board on the rescheduled Salisbury Cathedral 800th Anniversary Celebration. David Halls is planning to come for our celebrations May 19, 20 and 21 of 2021. This is convenient since the same schedule can be repeated that we had planned for this year. Most participants have already agreed to the new dates and donors have been notified. The website has been updated thanks to Tom Welch and a message from David Halls has been added in addition to some links to Salisbury Cathedral. There are about 20 Fast Facts for our 3 Sister Cities created by Justin Bell, our SU intern, for his summer project. The Cathedral Celebration Task Force will be meeting soon for more detailed planning.

Salinas, Ecuador: Carole will contact Mayor Daniel Cisneros. He is still mayor. The Salinas website posted recent news. Last week Mayor Cisneros opened the beaches with social distancing protocols. The municipal government offices reopened in September.

Next meeting: October 6, 2020 at 4:00 through Zoom meeting