

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County  
February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting began at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Gerry Wood, Nate Sansom, Marion Keenan, Carole Champagne

Reports and updates:

January 2022 Minutes were approved by members present.

New Intern: Jansen Hass will work on new projects like the Salisbury Main Library bulletin board. She will design artistic and informative presentations for our Sister Cities.

Reports: The YAAS \$1000 art competition deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. School District Art Educators told George that students should have been informed earlier. The reality is that SCI did not announce the theme until October 7, 2021 and it took us a month or so to put the information together. There are, however, a couple of other art teachers who expressed an interest. This project is something we need to revisit.

Tartu, Estonia: Nate said that the permanent fiberglass plaque for the Friendship Bridge was ordered. Carole shared messages from Maryland Estonia Exchange Council. The Annapolis-Tallinn organization is very active. Ambassador Prikk participated in several live events in 2022. He plans to invite the Mayors of all Maryland Sister Cities to the Ambassador's Residence in Bethesda. MEEC members are reviewing new seals designed by Kelsey last semester.

Dalian, China: Nate said that Chinese school officials held a successful virtual session with Pinehurst Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Nate plans virtual meetings between Pinehurst Elementary and Dalian school administrators this semester.

Salinas, Ecuador: Schools have technical difficulties that prevent virtual communication. The Salisbury Board of Education firewalls may prevent access to Ecuadorean schools.

Salisbury, UK: Gerry presented a revised schedule for May 2022. May 24: SU Alumni House donor event. May 25: MAC Senior Center Dr. Ray Thompson lecture with tea and scones at 10:00 a.m. Virtual organ concert from Salisbury Cathedral at St. Peter's or St. Francis Fellowship Hall. May 26: Ascension Day choral evensong St. Peter's Church Community Choir premiering "Eternal Monarch" composed by David Halls for this event. May 27: 7:00 Cathedral Celebration with choir procession multimedia projections, emcee James Burton. Mayor Day plans to read a letter from the Mayor of Salisbury, UK. Dr. Wight will present brief comments about the Magna Carta. Children's choir will perform two songs. Community Choir will sing "Eternal Monarch" and "This is the Day." A joint venture between AGO and SSC hopes to support an in-person live music event by David Halls in May 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50. Next meeting will be March 1, 2022.