

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
Government Office Building
Conference Room #300
9/12/23 - 400PM

Minutes

Attending: John Hickman, chair; Gerry Wood, George Whitehead, Aurelio Giannitti

1. Approve Minutes.

The June minutes were approved

2. Fall Intern, Anna Rozmiarck

a. Newsletter

b. Fall Activities: Third Friday Sept., Oct., Nov.

c. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, 0 Hunger Initiative, #2 (SU's PACE is doing 6 initiatives) STG/tracker.org A class at SU, "Local Issues/Global Solutions" meets Mondays 7-8:30 about sustainable development goals. George has reached out to the MD Food Bank for local information.

3. Treasurer's report.

Balance remains the same

4. Md Estonian Exchange Updates

Carol's report about the MEEC meeting was presented

5. Reports and updates:

a. Dalian, China: no report

b. Tartu, Estonia: Carol Champagne attended the MEEC meeting and reports that Bob Agee is working on an agreement between Wicomico Yacht Club and one in Estonia. Eric Puskar contacted George about a company in Estonia called Bikeep; George passed the information to the mayor and to Michael Jenson. There will be an initiative to connect more strongly with Estonia in 2024.

c. Salinas, Ecuador: John is planning to call Sister Cities International about the status of Salinas as our Sister City. They have not responded to his emails. John received an email from a lady near Philadelphia whose father had lived in Salisbury and now lives in Salinas. She was interested in what we were doing to further the link.

d. Salisbury, England: no report

6. Other business

George has been working with Sister Cities Int'l about activity possibilities.

1. Not interested in doing the international art project again.
2. Consider a student leadership program
3. George met with the Superintendent and has asked that we be included in the International events in Wicomico Public Schools.
4. PACE will do Community Networking on September 14; George plans to attend.
5. Investigate the connection between the Rotary and 3 Rotaries in Tartu.

Adjournment at 5:00pm

Next meeting: October 3, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Wood