



**Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County (SCA of SWC)
May 6, 2009, 4:00pm
Conference Room 300, Government Office Building**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: George Whitehead, Chair; Paula Morris, Vice Chair; Ernest Boger, Treasurer; Gina Boobar, Secretary; Eli Bulla; Marion Keenan; Lindsay Manuel; and Robert Williams.

I. George Whitehead called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes of 4/1/09 Meeting

There are two corrections to the April 1, 2009, meeting minutes: 1) add “Robert Williams” to attendees list; and 2) meeting adjourned at “4:48pm” not “5:48pm”. *Paula Morris made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Marion Keenan seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

III. Treasurer’s Report / Update on Fundraising

Dr. Boger said he did not receive a report from the Chamber of Commerce. Gina said that Cindy Feist had emailed her that the balance was the same as last month - \$503.

IV. Introduction of Lindsay Manuel

George introduced Lindsay Manuel, a senior at SU who will be interning for Sister Cities this summer. She will be designing a website and a brochure for Sister Cities. Lindsay said that she is majoring in communications with a minor in sociology. She currently also works as the Sales Manager at the Hampton Inn in Salisbury.

V. Subcommittee Reports

Education Committee: Paula said that the follow-up meeting with the Board of Education is next week.

Business Committee: George said that the Business Committee will be meeting on June 9th. They will follow up with Robert Walker from DBED.

Cultural Affairs Committee: George said that June Krell-Salgado, Cultural Affairs Director at SU, is a possibility for Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee.

VI. Reception on May 15th for Jan & Kevin Cardy from Salisbury, England

This reception will be held at Marion’s home at 513 Dogwood Drive. Marion said she will provide the cheese, crackers and drinks if everyone attending will bring a finger food. Gina said she will send an email to all SCA of SWC members asking if they will be attending and what they plan to bring.

VII. Update from Eli Bulla, Sister Cities Intern

Eli said he is working on a PowerPoint presentation on Salisbury, Maryland, to be available to show other cities. He also put together a reference binder of SCA of SWC documents.

Eli said he talked to June Krell-Salgado about the possibility of bringing an Estonian dance troop to SU. She said the earliest this could happen is next spring.

Everyone thanked Eli for all his hard work this semester.

VIII. Other Business

Robert Williams said he received an email about the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarding a \$7.5 million grant to Sister Cities International to help address urban development issues in African cities. The SCA of SWC should monitor this to see if grant money becomes available to members of Sister Cities International for other uses. George added that the issue of fundraising will be discussed at the June meeting.

Gina said that she and Mayor Ireton will be going to the State House in Annapolis on May 18th to attend the signing ceremony establishing the Sister State relationship between the State of Maryland and Harju County, Estonia.

IX. Concluding Remarks, Adjournment

After discussion, it was agreed that the June meeting will be scheduled on a Wednesday after June 11th so that Mayor Ireton is available to attend. Gina said she will ask the Mayor if June 24th at 4:00pm will work for him. The meeting will again be held in room 300 of the Government Office Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Boobar, Secretary