

Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County

Minutes of the January 9, 2013

Government Office Building, 3rd Floor

Attending: Ernest Boger, Carole Champagne, John Hickman, Marion Keenan, George Whitehead

Minutes of the December 4 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: We have about \$500 in our Chamber Foundation.

Bookmark: The mock-up was reviewed and more detail was added—a sentence about Sister Cities International and another about our association. Susan will use Publisher to make today's edit. It was approved to spend \$75 to have 500 bookmarks printed.

Revised Fact Sheet: George will send certain edits to Marion who will revise accordingly.

Spring Student Intern: Emily Outtarac will be at our next meeting. She is strong in writing and will work on promotional materials and video projects.

2013 Work Plan: There was consensus to work toward these goals:

- 1. Present our preference for a Latin American "Sister" to Mayor Ireton.**
 - a. The Mayor must extend the invitation.
 - b. Nancy Weller has been informing us on Guatemala.
 - c. Marion will contact Brian Stiegler about his recommendation.
 - d. Another alternative may be Equador's capital, Quito, or Cuenca, which is a World Heritage site. Carol reported that Salisbury University's School of Nursing has a medial Spanish program that sends people to Cuenca. Equador's currency is the USD.
- 2. Strengthen our current relationships in England, China, and Estonia.**
 - a. City Council has received the Maryland and Estonian contacts.
- 3. Produce an art-related event celebrating one or more of our Sisters.**
 - a. Ernest described an immersion cultural event in DC.
 - b. Our member Therese Hamilton, SWAC's Executive Director is a resource.

2013 Meeting Schedule: Set for the **second Tuesday of each month at 4 PM** in the Government Office Building (GOB)

Submitted by: Marion Keenan, Vice President