## Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County Minutes of the March 3, 2015 Meeting

Began: 4:05 PM in Room 308 of the Government Office Building

Ended: 4:50 PM

Attending: Ernest Boger, George Whitehead, and Marion Keenan. (Normally, members receive an emailed reminder of the meeting and an agenda, as well as Minutes of the previous meeting, but none had been sent this month. Carole Champagne, our Secretary, had taken the Minutes)

**Approval of the February Minutes**: No one present had seen them. Consensus reached to have Carole or John Hickman send them to all the members for approval at the April 7 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**: Ernest reported no change. The dilemma of funding both our community activities and also paying dues to Sister Cites International was again discussed. Typically, dues to Sister Cities International are paid from that city's budget rather than, as in our case, donations by Board members. If the City of Salisbury would pay the Sister Cities International dues, then our organization could better educate our public and promote our city.

Marion agreed to request funding for our dues to Sister Cities International from Mayor Ireton.

**Membership:** It was noted that Tony Russo is now working in Delaware.

## **Reports on our Sisters:**

**Salisbury, UK:** Marion continues to communicate with the former Mayor and Mayoress, stays in contact with other community members and reads its daily paper.

Dalian, China: No report

Tartu, Estonia: No report

## **Potential Sisters:**

Cuenca, Ecuador was again discussed. However, we need information from Brian Stiegler on any progress he is making. George agreed to follow up on contacting the Rotarian there as discussed in earlier meetings.

The group noted the many Africans who live in our area, many of whom are associated with our two universities. Ernest suggested Accra, the capitol of Ghana. He will explore this in more detail. The group also noted the number of Nigerians living in our area.

## Third Friday:

Our assigned student intern has left SU. However, Carole has a student who is interested in working with us. Carole is requested to follow through with this, if possible.

**Next meeting**: April 7 at 4 PM. John Hickman will chair in Marion's absence.