Sister Cities Association of Salisbury Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2017

Attending: Dr. George Whitehead, Dr. Ernest Boger, Gerry Wood

- 1. Review and approval of April 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes was postponed due to low attendance. Marion was not able to attend due to a medical issue.
- 2. Financial Report: Ernest said that the finances remain the same as they were for the last meeting's report.
- 3. Report on Salinas, Ecuador: Two weeks ago, the City of Salisbury intern, Nate Sansom, contacted George for information he needed in order to compose a letter of invitation from Salisbury to Salinas officials. We do not know anything further about this at this point.
- 4. Report on Tartu, Estonia: On April 19, George went to the meeting of the Maryland Estonia Exchange Council, Inc in Columbia, MD. He was delighted to see Brian Burrows-McElwain and his wife. They now live in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. They are active in the Cumberland, MD – Viljandi Sister Cities program. He reported that they were working on a garden in Cumberland to honor their relationship. The representative from Belair, MD whose Sister City is Narva indicated that they were holding a conference about the Russia/Estonia border.

George shared information our committee had received from Carl Pucci about ongoing conversations with Mayor Day.

George also shared a JBANC brochure with the committee about the 12th Baltic Conference coming up on May 19 in Washington, DC.

- 5. Report on Salisbury, England: Nothing to report.
- 6. Report on Dalian, China: Nothing to report.
- 7. Intern for the Fall Semester: Marion has emailed us that we will have an intern, Erin McHale in the Fall.
- 8. Other Business: George indicated that we need to check the status of the dues.

Ernest and Gerry are checking into attending the Beach Bash meet and greet in Virginia Beach, VA in July. Even though the conference is expensive, the reception may be do-able.

9. Confirm the date of the next meeting: June 6 at 4pm