Sister Cities Association of Salisbury and Wicomico County
March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Present: John Hickman, George Whitehead, Gerry Wood, Carole Champagne

Reports and updates:
Salisbury, UK: Gerry discussed a YouTube series narrated by David Halls. Salisbury Cathedral Choir Director Nick Papadopoulos shared ideas for a singalong with the Salisbury, MD choir community. The events can be part of the May 25, 26, and 27 2022 schedule.

Tartu, Estonia: Carole mentioned that Estonians elected their first female president, Kersti Kaljulaid. She received the JBANC February newsletter from Karl Altau. She will contact Brian Stiegler's office in April to find out if Estonian or Ecuadoran exchange students will attend SU in Fall2021.

Salinas, Ecuador: George suggested a type of pen pal online exchange between Salisbury City or Wicomico County Schools and students in Salinas schools. Carole said that students studying Spanish enjoy direct exchanges with students in Spanish-speaking countries. Several of her students currently practice Spanish with their peers in Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico.

George researched some international projects and activities in the Sister Cities International website. The Youth Artists and Authors Showcase is an excellent program that can be replicated with local schools in 2022. He clarified with Sister Cities International that it would be opened to all students in Wicomico County ages 13 to 18. The Director of Sister Cities in Lexington talked about a local program with YAAS. It is described on their The competition is described on their website www.lexingtonsistercities.org in detail. The Salisbury program could evolve, starting with participation in the Sister Cities International Initiative and then at some later time having our own program modeled after Lexington's program. George will contact Kim Miles at Salisbury School District and Therese at SWAC.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55.

Next meeting: April 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. through Zoom meeting.