

AMWA Mid-America Chapter Meeting of January 12, 2021

Call to order: 2:10 pm

Attendees: Rebecca, Joanne, Leslie, Crystal, Susan, Liz, Matt Sandbulte, and Raeesa

Matt's introduction: Grant writer and editor at the Child Health Research Institute at The University of Nebraska in Omaha. Started writing full-time after about 15 years of bench research. Will be helping with Nebraska local events.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Events in St. Louis

Update provided by Joanne: Lisa and Joanne sent out a survey to TechWriteSTL members for volunteers and topics to discuss in 2021. Survey was completed by 45 members and it helped plan out events for the whole year.

January 5, 2021: Panel discussion on "The Science of Being Happy" led by Alice Fugate and Dana Delibovi. No. of attendees: 21

March 3, 2021: "Members' Favorite Tools for Writing and Editing". Ginger Peschke will send out a survey before the event, compile a list of software/hardware used, and present those.

May 11, 2021: "Contract Writing and Negotiations" to be presented by Veronika Redmann

July: "Publishing Your Book" presented by Louise Noeth

September: 15th Anniversary dinner. Virtual or in-person dinner event. Ruth Thaler-Carter will be talking about public speaking tips

November: 5th Annual Best and Worst Books of 2021 led by Leslie Neistadt based on input from TechWriteSTL members

Events in Kansas City

Update provided by Crystal:

January 28, 2021: Roundtable-style webinar led by Gretchen Griffin of Trilogy Medical Writing on "Emotional Intelligence". No. of people registered: 12

Events in Nebraska

Update by Rebecca: Nothing planned currently. Hopeful to meet in person once the pandemic eases. Will discuss potential ideas with Matt.

Treasurer's Report

Update by Leslie: Gathering materials to submit to the accountant for 2020 tax returns.

Savings and Checking account balance reported.

Newsletter

Update by Susan: Thanks for the contributions. Special shout-out to Rebecca for contributing the President's letter to every issue. Next newsletter is scheduled to go out at the end of December.

New Member Report

Heather sent her report via e-mail: Two new members joined – one from the Kansas city area and one from Michigan. Currently have a total of 103 members.

CAC Update

CAC meeting took place on November 11, 2020. Minutes for the meeting have not been sent out yet. The next meeting is scheduled for February.

Other Business

Virtual meetings and webinars:

Rebecca proposed having a virtual coffee/lunch/happy hour to get to know our chapter members. Attendees of the previous virtual event in November really enjoyed it and would like to see more of it.

Next Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.