

AMWA Mid-America Chapter Meeting of September 14, 2021

Call to order: 2:00 pm

Attendees: Rebecca, Liz, Joanne, Leslie, Matt, Heather, Crystal, and Raesa

Previous meeting minutes approved.

Events in St. Louis

September 30, 2021: Annual dinner to be held at a private banquet room at CJ Muggs in Webster Groves, MO. Fourteen people registered currently, including the speaker. Approximately half of those registered are AMWA members.

November 3, 2021: 5th Annual Best and Worst Books of 2021 led by Leslie Neistadt. Leslie asked for contributions and book recommendations from people.

Events for next year to be planned after the annual dinner.

Events in Kansas City

Raesa proposed to do a practice run of her AMWA Conference Roundtable on “Productivity tips and tricks” on October 11 from noon to 1 pm. Rebecca asked for a short blurb to send out to Chapter members along with the Zoom invite for the webinar.

Events in Nebraska

Matt helped plan a networking event thanks to his connections at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Lunch meeting is tentatively planned for October. Rebecca asked if chapter funds may be used for AMWA members as an incentive for them to attend the lunch. All attendees agreed.

Matt’s practice talk on “Common grant-writing mistakes” to be held the week of October 4 or October 18 during lunch time. Matt will email Rebecca the date and blurb within a day or two.

Treasurer’s Report

Received a check from AMWA HQ. Chapter financial report was submitted at the end of July. Tax filing and registration for the year are complete.

Newsletter

Susan was unavailable.

If anyone wants to include anything in the newsletter, pass it on to Susan. Raesa and Matt to send blurbs and webinar information to Susan to incorporate in the newsletter.

New Member Report

Heather reported a total of 105 members. Four new members, including one in the KC area, one in St. Louis, one in Missouri, and one outside the four Chapter states.

CAC Update

Leslie emailed everyone the minutes from the last CAC meeting (she was unable to attend). The majority of time was spent discussing succession and ways to find Chapter Officers. Next meeting is in November, around the time of the annual AMWA conference.

Other Business

Conference Chapter Event:

Last year we had a virtual breakfast meeting during the annual conference. Around 12 – 15 people attended. Rebecca would like to organize a virtual networking event this year as well. Members agreed it was a great idea! The event is tentatively scheduled for the first day of the conference on Wednesday, October 27 at 8 am CT. Plan to adopt last year's informal format of meet and greet, ice breakers, etc. Joanne proposed we could also talk about the LinkedIn group to inform people about it.

Officer Positions:

Current Officers were asked to let the President know if they were planning on stepping down so replacements can be found. Rebecca plans to step down next year and Liz will take over the President's position. Raesa plans to step down from the Secretary position. So, there are two open positions to fill – President-Elect and Secretary.

In the past, open positions were announced via email and through the Chapter newsletter. Members will also be informed of these openings during the conference networking event. Joanne said she could ask a few people in St. Louis if they would be interested.

Next Chapter Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.