

July 15, 2022

Meeting: JASNA-KC Executive Board, ZOOM Meeting

Attendance:

Jenni Frangos, Regional Chapter Coordinator
Kristen Woodbury, Regional Treasurer
Gaye Stevick, Past Regional Chapter Coordinator
Sandy Lane, Regional Secretary

Greetings.

Our meeting began with lengthy discussion regarding the recent 2022 Box Hill Picnic, including issues related to location, hospitality arrangements, reimbursement expenditures, food, and adherence to our by-laws. It was concluded that a check in the amount of \$200.00 would be provided to the individuals who arranged for a tent at the picnic. Further, a check for \$100.00 would be provided to our Chapter Coordinator for the food she supplied to the picnic. Receipts for those expenses will be provided to our Treasurer, and checks will be mailed.

There was discussion regarding the importance of adequate lead time and planning before events actually occur. Several aspects were addressed:

- Lead time can depend on the requirements venues may have
- There may need to be a monetary consideration to hold a venue for an event
- There may need to be a proposal prepared for the location, and for general and flexible guidelines for our planning groups to follow
- A minimum of at least one month before an event may be ample, but more time should be allotted as needed
- Planned events must adhere to national JASNA guidelines, for example, no alcohol at any JASNA-KC events
- Keeping ZOOM on our formats for programming at events was encouraged
- Further suggestions: use our events for recruiting purposes, keep our website current and available, provide our literature at events, find good places to have events, and provide fun and informative activities and speakers.

There was some discussion about activities for JASNA-KC meetings:

- Playing Jane Austen games was mentioned: in person, in groups, or on ZOOM
- Jane Austen Book Club meetings: in person, in groups, or on ZOOM for discussion of Austen books as well as other related authors
- A book entitled "Two Guys Read Jane Austen" was suggested by Gaye Stevick, and she volunteered to lead a discussion. If interested, try to read the book before Thanksgiving. Consider inviting the significant others of our members who might find the male take on Jane Austen interesting. Date to be announced.

Jenni would like to have a list of those members registered to attend the Sense and Sensibility AGM in Vancouver. Jenni will be attending, and hopefully will be able to meet with other attendees from our Chapter.

The Jane Austen Birthday Tea will be on December 11, or December 18. There was some discussion about a location. Members felt that the Plaza Country Club worked well last year. More information to follow.

Jenni and Christie would like to be Co-Regional Coordinators. This will require an amendment of our By-laws. Jenni will make inquiries as to how to proceed with this change.

Our next Chapter meeting is on August 6th, at 2:00 pm, and will be a Planning meeting. It will be in person, and on ZOOM. Ballots are being readied for our upcoming Chapter election, and are due by August 5th.

Location for August 6th Planning meeting:

UMKC
Cockefair Hall
5121 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO

Parking behind building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Lane
Regional Secretary
JASNA-KC

August 6, 2022

Meeting: JASNA-KC Planning Meeting, In-Person and ZOOM

Attendance:

Executive Board

General Membership

Greetings.

Our meeting began with our Chapter Coordinator, Jenni Frangos, presenting a visit from "Flat Jane Austen!" Flat Jane arrived in Kansas City longing to experience the notable, educational, historic, and artistic *Persuasions* of our faire city, which surely rival the environs of *Northanger Abbey* and *Mansfield Park* . . . and certainly including the *Sense and Sensibility* of swoon-worthy Bar-B-Que. Flat Jane, being small of stature, will be accompanied by Leah and Becky, not to be confused with *Emma*, for they will be charged with maintaining Flat Jane's Travel Log and Photographs, setting aside any *Pride and Prejudice* as they entertain our new found acquaintance. We welcome Flat Jane to Kansas City, and we hope you have a wonderful sojourn!

We will complete our Chapter election today with results of the membership election.

- For Regional Treasurer, Kristen Woodbury, the only applicant, has received 22 votes and has agreed to continue in that position.
- For Regional Chapter Coordinator, Jenni Frangos, the only applicant, has received 22 votes and has agreed to continue in that position at this time.
- There were 3 absentee ballots submitted.
- Election results will be submitted according to our Bylaws.

Of note, Jenni and Christie would like to become Co-Regional Chapter Coordinators. Jenni has made inquiries regarding how to proceed with this change, and it will require approval from national JASNA as well as amendment of our Bylaws. Other regions have Co-Regional Chapter Coordinators. Jenni and Christie plan to implement their new roles in December 2022.

There is need to organize the upcoming Christmas Birthday Tea. Becky, Leah, and Jen volunteered to serve. It will be held on December 3 or 10.

There was discussion about expanding, or re-designing, the Box Hill Picnic. Tracy and Leah volunteered to consider possibilities.

Members expressed a desire to continue in-person and ZOOM meetings. Suggestions offered included:

- Keeping a balance between in-person and ZOOM attendees
- Having more lecturers presenting at meetings
- Using ZOOM especially in winter weather.

Julienne suggested Elizabeth Steele as a potential speaker at our meetings. She is a former Board Member and Regional Coordinator, would be a good speaker to have, and is a delightful person. Julienne can be helpful in contacting her.

The annual British Faire & Tea will be on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 10 am to 3 pm, at the Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf, Mission, Kansas. For more information visit www.dbekansas.org. Members may enjoy forming small groups to attend together. As this event is usually very crowded, you will want to stay safe and wear a mask if so inclined.

Possible Book Discussions:

- "Two Guys Read Jane Austen," by Steve Chandler & Terrence Hill, was described as a "great book," and possibly good for a group read. It is available from Amazon.
- "Empire of Blue Water", by Steven Talty was also recommended.
- On September 3, 10, or 17, there will be a book discussion of Sense and Sensibility, which is the AGM focus this year. More information to follow.

In choosing books to read, or when arranging book discussions, a member of our group suggested using a "One book by/ One book about/ One book because of" approach to selecting books to read.

There will be an AGM recap on October 15 or 22. More information to follow.
ZOOM will be available for AGM attendees.

There was discussion of a Jane Austen music program possibly being held in January. It could take the form of a concert or recital.

There was discussion of a Jane Austen Fashion Exhibit, including presentations, fashion chat, trivia, and fashion adaptations in Jane Austen movies.

- This could be a February or March event.
- Venue suggestions would be welcomed. Maybe clubhouses of living centers could be used.
- Becky suggested her living center's venue might be an option. \$100.00 may be charged.

There is an English Country Dance event coming up, possibly in Spring. Volunteers are needed.

Our Financial Report was reviewed by Kristen. She will submit the appropriate documents.

Julienne stated her concerns regarding the Christmas Birthday Tea, and the money spent on that event. She stated more judicious use of money should be encouraged. Jenni stated that three of four members of the Executive Board must approve decisions made on monetary expenditures.

There will be more information coming regarding the Christmas Birthday Tea. Members want to keep ZOOM for that event.

Members attending the AGM, please communicate with Jenni and with each other.

If you have questions or issues renewing your JASNA dues, you can call Dana at 816-807-5184.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Lane
JASNA-KC Regional Secretary