

Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild
A Chapter of the Virginia Writer's Club
Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 26th, 2018

Time and Place:

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild met on Tuesday, June 26th, 2018 at the Small Business Incubator in Abingdon, Virginia. The meeting took place from 12-1 pm.

Attendance:

President Vicki Fletcher, Vice President J.C. Schweingrouber, Board members Linda Hoagland, Linda Dobkins, Sylvia Nickels, and Addie Davis were in attendance.

Call to Order:

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

Reports:

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the board meeting on April 10th, and the minutes of the general meeting on May 8th, as compiled by Linda Hoagland and distributed by Vicki Fletcher.
- ✓ Jami McDonald has resigned her position as secretary of the guild effective immediately. This decision was due to changes in her work schedule and other personal reasons. We are currently seeking a replacement for this position. If you are interested in this position or would like more details, please email Vicki at vfletcher56@gmail.com.
- ✓ The following dates/times/locations are for our meetings in 2018. Lunch will accompany the general meetings that are underlined, so please let Vicki know if you plan to attend. This will help the restaurants/caterers prepare for the appropriate number of guests.
 - July 10th - General meeting at Bristol Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Dr. Donna Watson will be the speaker.
 - August 14th – Board meeting from 12:00 -1:00 pm with Writer's Workshop to follow from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Small Business Incubator.
 - September 11th - General meeting at Lebanon Bonanza from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Ellen Myatt will be our speaker.
 - October 9th - Board meeting from 12:00 -1:00 pm with Writer's Workshop to follow from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Small Business Incubator.
 - November 13th - General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Installation of officers for 2019.
- ✓ Membership dues for AAG are now being collected. Dues are \$30 and can be sent to AAG, PO Box 803 Abingdon, VA 24212. They can also be given to Vicki or Jack at AAG meetings. There is now a Paypal button on our AAG website that will allow you to pay your membership renewals/fees online. You will also have the option to donate money

to the Guild (if you donate \$10 or more, you will receive a free copy of our Guild anthology). We have 33 members renewed for 2018.

- ✓ JC is looking into publicity through podcasts for us.
- ✓ Treasurer Jack Rose gave his report. We have very limited funds in our treasury at this time. We had liability insurance and Mistletoe Market booths to pay in May/June so this amount will be depleted soon. We hope to add more renewals and new members to add back to the treasury as soon as possible. We are seeking ideas for fundraisers for the new year to help build up our treasury. The board had some good ideas which we will discuss further. We will keep you updated as to what we will be doing for the new year. Please email Vicki with any ideas you have and those will be brought before the board at our next meeting.
- ✓ We have space at Anthony's Desserts for the Virginia Highlands Festival this year. There will be a black folder with the AAG logo on the front at Anthony's. Inside, you will find a calendar of days and times along with your name in the appropriate time slots. Please add your number of books sold and make comments about the event for future reference.
- ✓ We have secured booth space for the Mistletoe Market on Friday-Sunday, November 2nd-4th. The space fee is \$50 and is due by May 1st. There are a couple of spaces remaining if you are interested (remember we will be sharing an 8' table). Please mail your check (made out to AAG) to me by Friday, July 27th at PO Box 222 Damascus, VA 24236.
- ✓ We have some additional places to sell our books thanks to Linda Hoagland. Please email her with your choice of locations/days/times and she will get you scheduled.
 - The Picadilly in the Kingsport Mall- Saturdays from 11-7
 - Harvest Table in Meadowview- Sundays from 11-2
 - Communications Cafe in Richlands- Either Monday or Friday. Choose 2-3 hours between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm
 - Mr. K's Used Book Store in Johnson City
 - Blackbird Bakery in Bristol
- ✓ Remember we now have a Café Press site set up for fundraising purposes. The link, listed below, is also available on our website and our Facebook page. Please let Vicki know of any other items you would like to see available in the store.
<http://www.cafepress.com/aagstuff>.
- ✓ Reminder: If anyone has anything to add to our monthly Tidings, please let Sylvia know. She would be more than happy to add your items. She can be reached at mscribe@aol.com. She has also asked that new members contact her with any information about themselves or their books that they would like to have added to the Tidings.
- ✓ If you have a chance, please check out our newly reorganized website.
<http://www.appalachianauthors.com>. If you have any more questions/ideas/comments for Vicki, she can also be reached at 276-492-8314 and vfletcher56@gmail.com.

- ✓ Following the board meeting, we had our writer's workshop. In attendance were, Vicki Fletcher, Linda Hoagland, Linda Dobkins, JC Schweingrouber, Addie Davis, Sylvia Nickels, Dan Swanson and his wife Carol, Pauline Petsel and her husband Carl, Ellen Myatt, David Fenner, and visitor Chad Morrison. Vicki did a presentation on using Word to format to your book size and preparing for self-publishing through Create Space.
- ✓ Our general meeting will be Tuesday, July 10th at Bristol Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Dr. Donna Watson as our speaker.
- ✓ The next board meeting and writers workshop will be on Tuesday, August 14th at the Small Business Incubator. Board meets from 12-1 pm (all members are welcome to attend). Workshop will follow from 1-3 pm. JC Schweingrouber will be leading the discussion and presentation on Kick Starting Your Writing. Please let me know if you plan to attend so materials can be prepared for you.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki Fletcher.