Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild A Chapter of the Virginia Writer's Club Board Meeting Tuesday, October 13th, 2015

Time and Place:

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild met on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at the Washington County Library in Abingdon, Virginia. The meeting was from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Attendance:

President Linda Hoagland, Secretary Vicki Fletcher, Treasurer Jack Rose, and AAG member J.C. Schweingrouber.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Hoagland.

Reports:

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the board meeting on June 9th, 2014 and the minutes of the general meeting on September 8th, as distributed by secretary, Vicki Fletcher.
- ✓ Jack Rose, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report which shows \$1,336.61 as our balance. This report was also approved.
- ✓ Jack reported that the Virginia Highlands Festival might possibly be held at the Southwest Higher Education Center next year. If that is the case, we would need to have 2 spaces available to accommodate our authors.
- ✓ Linda Hoagland said that she had sent the application in for the Hungry Mother Festival and will let us know when she hears back from them.
- ✓ Linda let us know that Steven James would be the speaker for the November meeting.
- ✓ Linda Hoagland, Membership Chair, said that we have 3 new members since last board meeting: Willie Dalton, Jessica Helton, and Bethany Jo Lortz
- ✓ Sylvia was unable to attend due to a family matter.
- ✓ Linda gave out the schedule for book events for the remainder of 2015: Perkins in Dandridge has openings in November and December; Zazzy's in Abingdon has openings in October, November, and December; Chapters Book Shop in Galax has openings in November and December. If you are interested in taking one of these, please email Linda as soon as possible. Her email is lhhoagland@gmail.com.
- ✓ Linda will continue to take care of publicity.
- ✓ Linda said the deadlines for the Christmas anthology and AAG anthology have been changed to April 1st, 2016. The Christmas anthology will be published first so it will be

available as a fundraiser at the Virginia Highlands Festival. Possibly both anthologies can be ready if we get enough entries.

- ✓ We were pleased to have AAG member J.C. Schweingrouber with us today and he has consented to become our new Vice President for 2016. Welcome aboard.
- The next general meeting will be November 10th, 2015 at the Shoney's Restaurant in Abingdon from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. This meeting will include the election of officers for the 2016 year. We hope as many AAG m embers as possible will be able to attend this meeting. If you will be unable to attend but would like your vote counted, please email Sylvia since she was on the nominating committee. Her email is <u>sylnick@gmail.com</u>. The slate of officers for 2016 is: President- Linda Hoagland, Vice President- J.C. Schweingrouber, Secretary- Vicki Fletcher, and Treasurer- Jack Rose. Remember that nominations can come from the floor but you must have gotten approval from the person being nominated that they would take the office.

Adjournment:

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The meeting was adjourned by President Linda Hoagland.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Fletcher, secretary