

**AAG Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
VH Small Business Incubator**

Time and Place

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from noon until 1:00 p.m. It was followed by a workshop presented by Kari Kilgore on Writing Book Blurbs from 1-3 pm.

Attendance

President Vicki Fletcher, Dan Swanson, Addie Davis, and J.C. Schweingrouber attended with Kari Kilgore attending via Zoom. The workshop was attended by these board members as well as members Jason Houghton, Connie Wohlford, Rose Klix, Bunny Medeiros, and new member Carol Cutler via Zoom.

Call to Order

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

Business

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting – President Vicki Fletcher
2. Minutes of the April 13, 2021 AAG Board Meeting and the May 11, 2021 General Meeting were submitted by Vicki Fletcher from Linda Hoagland/acting secretary.
3. Treasurer's Report – President Vicki (Jack Rose was absent).
 - a. Treasurer's report attached. Our balance at this time is \$1117.47.
 - b. Post office box rental for \$188 and SCC license renewal for \$25 will be paid.
4. Tidings newsletter report – Sylvia Nickels
 - a. Send her information, such as a book review or about one of your books. The next issue will go out in July so send her your news by July 1st. Thank you.
5. Publicity Report – Linda Hoagland and JC Schweingrouber –
 - a. Linda continues to get meeting notices in *A! Magazine* and the *Voice* magazine
 - b. JC will continue with podcasts. He held a podcast with AAG members today who were present at the meeting.
6. Website Report – Vicki Fletcher
 - a. Continuing to get a good amount of visits each week.
7. Another t-shirt order was sent in. These will be mailed out as soon as they are ready to be picked up.
8. We have 51 paid members at this time.
9. The 2021 Golden NIB contest is going on now. Your entries are due to me by July 16th for local judging, editing, and sending to the coordinator at VWC. You must be a member of VWC as well as AAG to enter. You can send your entries and if selected as a local winner, you can join VWC then. You must already be a member of AAG however to take part.

10. The anthology is available to submitters for \$7 per book (plus shipping). They are available for \$10 on the website and \$11.99 on Amazon. They are available at several ebook locations. Click on this link and choose your ebook reader to purchase your ebook for \$4.99.
<https://books2read.com/MountainVoicesAnthology>
11. The remainder of the 2021 meetings are:
 - Tuesday, July 13th- General meeting at Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. JC Schweingrouber presents Using Humor in Writing.
 - Tuesday, August 10th- Board meeting/workshop from 12-3 pm. Rose Klix presents.
 - Tuesday, September 14th- General meeting at Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Dan Swanson presents.
 - Tuesday, October 12th- Board meeting/workshop from 12-3 pm. Linda Hoagland presents.
 - Tuesday, November 9th- General meeting at Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Grab bag fellowship and installation of officers for 2022.
12. AAG will have a space at the Virginia Highlands Festival at the Higher Ed Center in Abingdon from July 23 to August 1. Table space is \$20 per day. 2021 members are eligible to request a table. If you would like to request a space, you can pay your AAG dues of \$25 along with the table fee. The only table spaces available are Tuesday-Friday, July 27-30. I need this by July 9th in order to pay the booth fees to the VHF committee.
13. Members who want to be on the AAG website Members' page or featured in the Bookstore need to turn in their information to Vicki.
14. The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki.
15. Kari Kilgore was introduced by Vicki for the workshop on Writing Book Blurbs. This was such an informative meeting that we have requested an in-person workshop on this topic in the near future.
16. The next meeting is July 13, 2021 at the Shoney's in Abingdon from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. JC Schweingrouber will be the speaker.