

AAG General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:30 – 1:30
Shoney's Restaurant, Abingdon, Virginia

Time and Place

The meeting of the General Membership of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Shoney's Restaurant in Abingdon, Virginia.

Attendance

President Vicki Fletcher, J.C. Schweingrouber, Addie Davis, Linda Hoagland, Ellen Myatt, Fred Powers, and Connie Wohlford were present. Jim Collier was a guest at the meeting. The speaker was Dr. Donna Watson.

Business

1. President Vicki Fletcher welcomed members and guests, and reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2020 General Membership Meeting and the minutes for the AAG Board meeting held June 30, 2020.
2. President Vicki then reviewed the list of 2020 AAG meetings and speakers as of this date:
 - a. **July 14** – Donna Watson, PhD, was the speaker, addressing the topic of "Does It Work to Market Your Writing?" Watson, Dean of the School of Education at King University, shared the value of various platforms for writers from an author's page on facebook® to Twitter and Instagram. Watson said she may be contacted for more information at dhwatson@king.edu.
 - b. **August 11** – Board meeting/Workshop at VHSBI from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. At this time, the board will discuss candidates for office for 2021. For the workshops,
 - i. During one hour, Kari Kilgore plans to lead a workshop on publishing with Ingram and how to market (*virtual meeting on Zoom*).
 - ii. Also for one hour via Zoom, Kathleen Sweeney from Book Brush will share what BB has to offer.
 - c. **September 8** – General meeting at Shoney's from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. J.C. Schweingrouber will be the guest speaker.
 - d. **October 13** - Board meeting/Workshop at VHSBI from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Penny Sansevieri's topic will be "How to sell books on Amazon." This is a virtual presentation.
 - e. **November 10** - General meeting at Shoney's from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Install officers for 2021. Grab bag exchange and fellowship.
3. **Golden Nib** entries were due by July 10 for judging, which was concluded prior to the July 14th meeting. Judges met and sent their rankings to President Vicki, who will advise winners late Tuesday or Wednesday (July 14 or 15). First place entries need to be a registered member of the Virginia Writers Club (VWC) prior to the AAG Chapter submitting the entries to the VWC.
4. The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki.

Minutes prepared by Ellen Myatt