

**Appalachian Authors Guild
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from 12-3 pm
Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator**

TIME AND PLACE

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from noon until 1:00 p.m. followed by the presentation by Linda Hoagland on "Mysteries and Short Stories."

ATTENDANCE

President Vicki Fletcher, J.C. Schweingrouber, Linda Hoagland, Jason Houghton, Tammy Robinson Smith, Backstrom, Amy Backstrom, Bill Wagner, and Jan Taylor
Zoom: Kari Kilgore, Jason Adams, A.J. Higgins, Kenny Ballou

CALL TO ORDER

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

Welcome and opening of the meeting – Vicki Fletcher

Minutes of the September 13, 2022, AAG Meeting were submitted.

Treasurer's Report submitted by Vicki Fletcher with a balance of \$313.79.

Tidings Newsletter was not submitted due to absence of Sylvia Nickels. If you want something printed in the next issue, it must be submitted by the 1st of the month every other month as the new issue will be submitted a few days before the general meeting.

Linda Hoagland reported that she did not send a meeting notice to the newspapers for the meeting announcement due to illness but she did submit the info to A Magazine and Voice Magazine for Women. J.C. Schweingrouber stated that he will gladly present a podcast from any of the AAG authors. Please contact him for the information.

There are currently 56 members. The membership dues are at \$25.00 for the year. There will be a January Blitz in 2023 offering membership for \$20.00.

Website Report – Vicki Fletcher continues monitoring the website.

Tax Exemption status is pending. Vicki is waiting for the final okay.

A cookbook for 2023 was accepted as a possible fund raiser.

A recommendation that Jack Rose and Delilah O'Haynes be awarded honorary membership and it was approved by the members present.

To kick off Nanowrimo for the month of November, A Write-In Day, November 3, 2022, 12 pm – 2 pm, has been suggested for AAG members. Info will be emailed at a later day.

Virginia Highlands Festival 2023 information for AAG is not available at this time. There is a possibility of consolidation with other writers and/or groups. AAG may remain alone but that is still under discussion.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, at Abingdon Shoney's. This is the grab bag fellowship and announcement of the 2023 officers.

The Golden Nib winners will be announced at the Virginia Writers Club November Meeting. That is when they will be added to the website.

Possible meeting leaders for 2023 are:

Emily Houghton - Cover Design

Linda Hoagland – Nonfiction and Poetry

J.C. Schweingrouber – Topic to be Announced.

Tammy Robinson Smith – Topic to be Announced

The presentation on Mysteries and Short Stories was rendered by Linda Hudson Hoagland.

Adjournment

Vicki Fletcher