

TIME AND PLACE

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE

President Vicki Fletcher, J.C. Schweingrouber, Linda Hoagland, Addie Davis, Jason Houghton, Dan Swanson,
Zoom: Kari Kilgore

CALL TO ORDER

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

Welcome and opening of the meeting – Vicki Fletcher

Treasurer's Report submitted by Vicki Fletcher with a balance of \$810.46.

Tidings Newsletter report was not submitted due to absence of Sylvia Nickels. If you want something printed in the next issue, it must be submitted by the end of the month of January for inclusion in the Tidings to be published before the February meeting. Please send the info to Sylvia Nickels and mscribe@aol.com.

Linda Hoagland reported that she did not send a meeting notice to newspapers and magazines for the January meeting because it was for the Board of Directors only. J.C. Schweingrouber stated that he will gladly present a podcast from any of the AAG authors. Please contact him for the information and submit any ideas for future podcasts and blog messages.

The membership blitz is underway for membership renewal at \$20. It will continue until the next meeting of February 14th and then it will revert back to \$25.00 per year. There are currently 8 renewal members with 1 new member and 5 honorary members making a total of 14.

Highlands Writers Day will become part of the festival and not a separate celebration. Details will be announced at the March meeting.

AAG will have a space at the front entrance to the Grand Hall along with other writing groups to set up and sell books during the Virginia Highlands Festival July 21st – July 30th with the Writers & Readers Day to be on both Friday & Saturday, July 28th and July 29th.

A free membership will be awarded to the winner of the writing contest underway for non-members. The winner will be announced on March 14th.

Friends of the library have announced their writer line-up. A copy is posted on our Facebook page.

Members interested should send info to Vicki Fletcher to be posted on the member page and in the bookstore by February 1st. Vicki will be doing a major update to the website by the March 14th meeting.

GoFundMe brought in \$150 last year but will be continued in order to procure funds for event speakers, liability insurance, and website fees. Also, some of the funds may be used for the Spring Fling and VHF booth. If you have any ideas about other fund raisers, please advise Vicki. All ideas are welcome and will be discussed.

Programs for 2023 have been established and it is a great line-up.

Spring Fling Writer's Day development is under way. Vicki will provide and update for food & snack costs.

Website Report – Vicki Fletcher continues monitoring the website.

Tax Exemption Form 1023 for our 501(c)(3) status will hopefully be completed by the end of January.

A cookbook for 2023 was accepted as a possible fund raiser. To be published for sale at the festival.

A holiday anthology has been proposed and accepted to be published later in the year.

Vicki has requested the board members to review the bylaws and association documents so they can be updated.

A student from Sarah Lawrence College has requested submissions for a student anthology to be published. Vicki will send out a copy of the prompt suggestions.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14th, at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator with the Board Meeting to be held from 12 to 1 pm and a workshop from 1 to 3 pm led by Victoria Fletcher.

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

Adjournment – Vicki Fletcher