

## **TIME AND PLACE**

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, followed by the “Meet the AAG Authors” scheduled from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

## **ATTENDANCE**

President Vicki Fletcher, Linda Hoagland, Addie Davis, Jason Houghton, Wendy Dwyer, Pamela Earley, David Simms and Zoom Attendees: Jason Adams, Roger Gosden, Kari Kilgore, Ellen Myatt, and J.C. Schweingrouber

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

## **BUSINESS**

Welcome and opening of the meeting – Vicki Fletcher

The February Board minutes were submitted by Linda Hoagland and approved as given.

Treasurer’s Report submitted by Vicki Fletcher with a balance of \$1110.13. Vicki Fletcher states that she made corrections to the February statement and submitted the March statement as it should be.

Tidings Newsletter report was not submitted due to absence of Sylvia Nickels.

Linda Hoagland reported that she did not send a meeting notice to small newspapers for the March meeting but the notice was sent 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 and submit any ideas for future podcasts and blog messages.

The membership blitz for membership renewal at \$20 has ended and the membership will return to \$25.00 . There are currently 33 renewed members, 5 honorary members, and 9 new members.

Highlands Writers Day (formally the Virginia Highlands Festival author sales) will consist of Appalachian Writers Guild members and Lost State Writers Guild members along with the independent writers from the area. 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 21<sup>st</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup> with the Writers & Readers Days to be on both Friday & Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>.

A free membership was awarded to the winner of the writing contest for non-members. Samantha Arthurs won with “The Land”, and it will be available for reading on the AAG website.

At the April meeting for AAG, the Spring Fling details will be finalized. Registration will be available on the website.

J.C. Schweingrouber and Vicki Fletcher are working on the tax form 1023 and it will be filed soon in hopes of obtaining tax exemption..

Website Report – Vicki Fletcher continues monitoring the website.

Cookbook for 2023 recipe entries must be sent to Vicki Fletcher by May 1.

Bylaws and association documents have been updated.

Meet the AAG Authors:

Presenters:

Jason Adams

Addie Davis

Wendy Dwyer

Pamela Earley and David Simms

Vicki Fletcher

Linda Hoagland

Kari Kilgore

J.C. Schweingrouber

Adjournment – Vicki Fletcher