

Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild
A Chapter of the Virginia Writers Guild
Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time and Place

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, February 11th at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from noon until 1 p.m.

Attendance

President Vicki Fletcher, J.C. Schweingrouber, Addie Davis, Linda Hoagland, Sylvia Nickels, Dan Swanson, and Kari Kilgore were in attendance for the board meeting. Attending the workshop were the board members and Linda Dobkins, Jason Adams, Fred Powers, Tammy Robinson Smith, and Connie Miller. Jahmal Potter was our presenter.

Call to Order

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

Business

1. Minutes of the board meeting in October and general meeting in November were approved.
2. Treasurer's report: \$769.86 was noted as the balance.
3. Tidings newsletter report- material is needed by the end of the month before a general meeting (February, April, June, August, and October). Members are encouraged to submit items for publication.
4. Website report: Vicki Fletcher: Website is doing well. The new Resources page has been added and made available to paid members. Additional pages to be added will be an Archives page and AAG Bookstore page.
5. Membership report: We are up to 38 members at this time.
6. Events report: The Spring Fling for 2020 is scheduled for May 16th from 8:30 a.m. to either 3:30 p.m. More details will be on the website beginning in March. Registration will be in April. Please add this date to your calendar and join us for this special event.

7. The cookbook entries are due by March 1st. If we do not collect at least 50, we will not pursue this fundraiser.
8. The following is the list of meetings for 2020. We have some excellent speakers and workshops coming up this year so put your second Tuesday of the month down to attend. Please let Vicki know when you can attend at vfletcher56@gmail.com or 276-492-8314.

March 10- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

This will be a Meet the AAG Authors event. Please plan to speak for 3 minutes about your books and have publicity materials to give out to all those attending.

April 14- Board meeting/Workshop at the Small Business Incubator. Board is from 12-1 pm and workshop is from 1-3 pm.

JC Schweingrouber will be leading this workshop.

May***- NO REGULAR MEETING. SPRING FLING WRITERS DAY WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MAY 16TH FROM 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM.

June 9- Board meeting/Workshop at the Small Business Incubator. Board is from 12-1 pm and workshop is from 1-3 pm. Rose Klix will lead a poetry workshop.

July 14- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Donna Watson will be our speaker.

August 11- Board meeting/Workshop at the Small Business Incubator. Board is from 12-1 pm and workshop is from 1-3 pm. Kari Kilgore will be leading this workshop.

Sept. 8- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Vicki Fletcher will be leading a discussion.

Oct. 13- Board meeting/Workshop at the Small Business Incubator. Board is from 12-1 pm and workshop is from 1-3 pm. This will be a "new" type of meeting. We will be doing a virtual session with Penny Sanseveiri on "How to Sell on Amazon" and "The Best Ways to Promote Your Books". If you haven't heard of her, check out her blogs. This should be a great opportunity for us.

Nov. 10- Final meeting of the year. General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We will install officers for 2021 and have a gift exchange and time of fellowship.

9. Meeting was adjourned by Vicki Fletcher.