

Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild
Board meeting/Writers Workshop
Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

Time and Place:

The bi-monthly meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at the Small Business Incubator. The board met from 12-1 pm and the writers workshop followed from 1-3 pm.

Attendance:

Board attendance: Vicki Fletcher, JC Schweingrouber, Linda Hoagland, Addie Davis, and Sylvia Nickels.

Workshop attendance: Above plus Dan Swanson as well as the speaker Linda Dobkins.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Fletcher.

Business:

- ✓ The minutes were presented from the board meeting/writers workshop in February and the general meeting in March. Notes were taken by Linda Hoagland, acting secretary.
- ✓ Jack Rose was unable to attend due to illness but Vicki reported that we now have 51 members for 2019. The balance in the treasury is \$1,276.91.
- ✓ Renewal fees are now \$30 for the remainder of the year. New membership dues remain at \$25.
- ✓ Sylvia Nickels requested that any news for the Tidings be sent to her by next week as she is preparing it for our general meeting. Deadline to get this to her is Wednesday, May 1st. Be sure to send her any new books, awards for entries in contests you have won, and any news of your work. We love to hear about what our authors are up to.
- ✓ The board has agreed to sponsor the AAG Spring Fling this year. We hated to lose the symposium but hope this Writers Day will be a good fit. It will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at the Small Business Incubator in Abingdon, VA. Check the website for more details of Writers Day. You can register online or send the money to AAG PO Box 803 Abingdon, VA 24212. The fees are \$25 for 2019 AAG members and \$30 for nonmembers until May 1st. This will include your registration materials, breakfast, snacks, and lunch. I will be sending out the lunch choices to those attending the week of May 6th so get registered soon.
- ✓ JC Schweingrouber also told us about the Appalachian Arts Festival that his organization, Foundation for Appalachian Advancement are working on. This will be held on Saturday, June 22nd from 9 am to 4 pm. This will be held in Lebanon at the Convention Center. JC had asked for a donation from the AAG for this event. The board agreed upon \$100.
- ✓ Sylvia let us know that the Lost State Writers Group will hold an event for authors at the Waverly Road Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, TN on September 14th from 9 am to 4 pm. More information about this event will be posted as soon as details have been worked out.

- ✓ The list of meetings for 2019 are as follows:
- May 14th**- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Joe Tennis as our guest speaker
- June 11th**- Board meeting/Writers Workshop at Small Business Incubator from 12-3 pm. Greg Lilly will be leading our workshop.
- July 9th**- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Damean Mathews as our guest speaker
- August 13th**- Board meeting/Writers Workshop at Small Business Incubator from 12-3 pm. Kari Kilgore will be leading our workshop.
- September 10th**- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Dr. Jesse Graves as our guest speaker
- October 8th**- Board meeting/Writers Workshop at Small Business Incubator from 12-3 pm. Jim Glanville will be presenting at this workshop.
- November 12th**- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We will announce the officers for 2020 and have a writer's grab bag social. If you would like to take part in the grab bag, bring something for a writer (no more than \$5) to put in the exchange pile. We will draw numbers and #1 picks first. #2 can steal it or pick another gift. And so on and so forth until everyone has a gift. Lots of fun and fellowship with our authors to end the 2019 year. NO meetings in December and January.

BE SURE TO CONTACT VICKI IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE MEETINGS

Adjournment:

The business meeting was adjourned and the writers workshop began.

Speaker:

Vicki then turned the meeting over to Linda Dobkins who led the class in a discussion of The Economics of Publishing. This was such an informative discussion of all the types of publishing and their pros and cons. Thank you Linda for a job well done.

Adjournment:

President Vicki Fletcher adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Hoagland, acting secretary