

Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild
A Chapter of the Virginia Writer's Club
Bi-monthly Members Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time and Place:

The bi-monthly meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Shoney's Restaurant in Abingdon, Virginia. The meeting took place from 11:30am – 1:30pm.

Attendance:

Speaker Linda Dobkins/Jo Allison, guest Kelly Delph, President Victoria Fletcher, Vice President JC Schweingrouber, Treasurer Jack Rose, Board members Linda Hoagland and Addie Davis, AAG members Hazel Fleming and Tom Fugate.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Fletcher.

Business:

- ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the board meeting on April 10th and the general meeting on March 13th, 2018, prepared by Jami McDonald.
- ✓ The treasurer's report was accepted as presented by Jack Rose.
- ✓ The VHF and Mistletoe Market schedules are now posted on the website. VHF spaces at Anthony's Desserts on Main Street are free. Please contact Linda Hoagland at lhhoagland@yahoo.com if you are interested in an available space. The spaces for Mistletoe Market are \$50 per day. This is a highly trafficked area so I think you will do well even at the cost for the space. Please let Victoria know if you want a space. Money must be received by August 1st since we have to send in our payment for our booths at that time. REMEMBER: You must be a 2018 paid member to take part in these events.
- ✓ Membership dues for AAG are now being collected. Dues are \$30 and can be sent to AAG, PO Box 803 Abingdon, VA 24212. They can also be given to Vicki or Jack at AAG meetings. There is now a Paypal button on our AAG website that will allow you to pay your membership renewals/fees online. You will also have the option to donate money to the Guild (if you donate \$10 or more, you will receive a free copy of our Guild anthology).
- ✓ ***Note: Restaurant scheduling will be discontinued if there are no participants. So far, only a few members have expressed an interest in this opportunity.*** The following places have graciously offered to let us sell our books at their locations. Remember to sign up through Linda Hoagland (lhhoagland@gmail.com). DO NOT contact these places

yourself unless you cannot attend on the day you signed up. Even if we don't sell any books, we need to be gracious to the hosts as they are allowing us to come into their businesses for our purposes. Thanks so much to Linda for organizing these opportunities for the guild.

- The Picadilly in the Kingsport Mall- Saturdays from 11-7
 - Harvest Table in Meadowview- Sundays from 11-2
 - Communications Cafe in Richlands- Either Monday or Friday. Choose 2-3 hours between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm
 - White Birch in Abingdon- Wednesdays at either 8-10 am or 3-5 pm.
- ✓ Hazel Fleming and Tom Fugate are checking on some locations for book sales and will report on those at a later date.
- ✓ The following dates/times/locations are for our meetings in 2018. Lunch will accompany the general meetings that are underlined, so please let Vicki know if you plan to attend. This will help the restaurants/caterers prepare for the appropriate number of guests.
- June 26th – Board meeting from 12:00pm -1:00 pm with Writer's Workshop to follow from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Location- Abingdon Small Business Incubator. Vicki will do a presentation on formatting Word for your book size. Please email her if you plan to attend so she can have materials ready for everyone.
 - July 10th - General meeting at Bristol Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Speaker will be Dr. Donna Watson.
 - August 14th – Board meeting from 12:00 -1:00 pm with Writer's Workshop to follow from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Location- Abingdon Small Business Incubator. Speaker will be Ellen Myatt.
 - October 9th - Board meeting from 12:00 pm -1:00 pm with Writer's Workshop to follow from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Location- Abingdon Small Business Incubator.
 - November 13th - General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Installation of officers for 2019.
- ✓ Remember we now have a Café Press site set up for fundraising purposes. The link, listed below, is also available on our website and our Facebook page. Please let Vicki know of any other items you would like to see available in the store.
<http://www.cafepress.com/aagstuff>.
- ✓ Vicki has requested speaker suggestions for the general meetings. If anyone has any ideas, please let her know.
- ✓ Reminder: If anyone has anything to add to our monthly Tidings newsletter, please let Sylvia know. She would be more than happy to add your items. She can be reached at mscribe@aol.com. She has also asked that new members contact her with any information about themselves or their books that they would like to have added to the tidings.
- ✓ If you have a chance, please check out our newly reorganized website.
<http://www.appalachianauthors.com/index.html>. If you have any more

questions/ideas/comments for Vicki, she can also be reached at 276-492-8314 and vfletcher56@gmail.com.

Speaker:

Vicki introduced our own AAG member Linda Dobkins who writes her books as Jo Allison. She presented a very interesting program centering on writing fiction that takes place in a historical period and the research involved with such an endeavor. If you missed this talk, you missed a really good one. If you get a chance to hear her in the future, you should do so. We, as writers, should never stop learning.

Adjournment:

President Vicki Fletcher adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jami McDonald, secretary