

Minutes
Appalachian Authors Guild
A Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club
General Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Time and Place:

The general meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Shoney's Restaurant in Abingdon, Virginia. The meeting took place from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Vicki Fletcher, J.C. Schweingrouber, Ellen Myatt, Linda Hoagland , Addie Davis, Hazel Fleming, Dan Swanson, Ed Clark, Elizabeth Champagne, and new member Tammy Robinson Smith were in attendance along with our speaker Joe Tennis.

Call to Order:

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

Business:

✓ **Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2019 General Meeting and the April 9, 2019 Board Meeting compiled by Linda Hoagland and printed by Vicki Fletcher.

✓ Treasurer Jack Rose was unable to attend the meeting; thus, President Vicki reported that the Guild has an additional three new members since the last meeting. Financially, the checkbook balance as of April 30, 2019 was \$1,276.91. Less expenses of \$576 for liability insurance, printing, and program presenters and the addition of PayPal registrations for Spring Fling Writers Day (Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Business Incubator) of \$295 left a checkbook balance of \$995.91 as of May 14, 2019.

President Vicki said while the report looks good, a Food City representative has not yet confirmed if the company is going to help provide food for the event. Thus, it is likely that coffee and catered lunches will be deducted from the above balance. "That will put us very close to having enough to pay for the website renewals in October (approximately \$275) and the remaining speakers for our meetings," Vicki said. "We need to work on some fundraising to be sure we have enough to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year." With that, Linda Hoagland passed the donation jar.

✓ Sylvia Nickels could not attend the meeting but shared with President Vicki that she appreciated contributions to the Guild's "Tidings" newsletter and would like to receive more before any of the general meeting Tidings go out (usually about 10 days before the meeting). The next general meeting will be July 9, 2019 so the Tidings will go out July 1 so get your info, new books, etc. to Sylvia before then at mscribe@aol.com.

✓ **Presentation:** President Vicki introduced the guest speaker, Joe Tennis, well-known local author and writer for the Bristol Herald Courier and the Washington County News. Joe shared his childhood passion

for stories and writing, and the evolution of his career as a feature writer and author. While many of his books have been non-fiction, he shared a recent departure for "something different" by returning to his "youth" to complete a story he began when he was 15 years old. This new book is called "SWAMPED!"

✓ Adjournment: President Vicki Fletcher adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild will be on June 11 at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator. The board will meet from 12-1 pm of which any member is welcome to attend. The Writers Workshop will follow from 1-3 pm with Greg Lilly presenting the workshop called "Pick up the Pace- How to Keep the Tempo of your writing on task." It is sure to be an interesting workshop. Please let Vicki know if you plan to attend so she can prepare materials for the workshop. The next General Meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild will be Tuesday, July 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Shoney's. Damean Mathews is the guest speaker. Please let Vicki know if you plan to attend so she can confirm with the restaurant. You can email her at vfletcher56@gmail.com