

# Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild  
Board meeting/Writers Workshop  
Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Time and Place:

The bi-monthly meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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, Sylvia Nickels, and Dan Swanson.

Workshop attendance: Above plus Kari Kilgore and Elizabeth Champagne as well as the speaker Greg Lilly.

## 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 April and the general meeting in May. Notes were taken by Linda Hoagland, acting secretary.
- ✓ Jack Rose was unable to attend due to illness but Vicki reported that we now have 54 members for 2019. The balance in the treasury is \$844.14. A list of expenses and revenue for the Spring Fling will be presented at the next board meeting in August.
- ✓ 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 July 1<sup>st</sup> as she is preparing it for our general meeting. Deadline to get this to her is Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Spring Fling was a success. We plan to continue it. Requests for sessions next year were Content editing and Marketing/Advertising. If you have other suggestions, please let Vicki know as well as any presenters you would like to have.
- ✓ We are losing our large venues to sell as AAG authors. If you know of any that we could set up for, please let Linda Hoagland, Events coordinator, know as soon as possible at lhhoagland@yahoo.com.
- ✓ JC Schweingrouber also told us about the Appalachian Arts Festival that his organization, Foundation for Appalachian Advancement is working on. This will be held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm. Registration forms can be found on the Lost State Writers website and are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Email Sylvia for more details at mscribe@aol.com.
- ✓ We have approved the go-ahead for the Cookbook Fundraiser for 2020. You will receive the templates for those soon. Entries will be due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

- ✓ The board will be checking with officers to see if they want to remain in their positions for 2020. If not, a committee will be formed to find replacements. If you wish to serve as an officer, please contact Vicki.
- ✓ Vicki will be adding a resource page for AAG members to the website. She hopes to have this in place by August. If you know of any publishers, editors, illustrators, or any other services for authors, please send those to Vicki to be added.
- ✓ Linda Hoagland and Addie Davis have volunteered to judge the Blue Ridge Chapter Golden Nib entries at the request of the Blue Ridge Chapter president.
- ✓ VWC requested a basket to be prepared for their symposium but the board did not feel we could do this because no one from the group plans to attend the symposium in Charlottesville on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are planning to go and could take our basket, please let Vicki know and we will prepare a basket to take.
- ✓ The list of meetings for 2019 are as follows:
  - July 9<sup>th</sup>**- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Damean Mathews as our guest speaker
  - August 13<sup>th</sup>**- Board meeting/Writers Workshop at Small Business Incubator from 12-3 pm. Kari Kilgore will be leading our workshop.
  - September 10<sup>th</sup>**- General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Dr. Jesse Graves as our guest speaker
  - October 8<sup>th</sup>**- Board meeting/Writers Workshop at Small Business Incubator from 12-3 pm. Jim Glanville will be presenting at this workshop.
  - November 12<sup>th</sup>**- 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 Greg Lilly who presented a workshop entitled "Pick Up The Pace." He explained the time lines involved in all genres along with the difference between showing and telling in your story.

### **Adjournment:**

President Vicki Fletcher adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Hoagland, acting secretary