

Minutes
Appalachian Authors Guild
A Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club
General Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Time and Place:

The general meeting of the Appalachian Authors guild met on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Shoney's in Abingdon, VA, from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Attendance:

President Vicki Fletcher, Vice president J.C. Schweingrouber, Treasurer Jack Rose, Secretary Ellen Myatt, Linda Hoagland, Sylvia Nickels, Hazel Fleming, Addie Davis, Dan Swanson, Linda Dobkins, Kari Kilgore, Greg Lilly, Tom Fugate, and Connie Wohlford were in attendance along with new member Gretchen McCroskey, guests Cindy Gibbs and Jason Adams and the guest speaker Damean Mathews.

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 June 11, 2019 board meeting prepared by Linda Hoagland and the May 14, 2019 General Meeting minutes prepared by Ellen Myatt.

✓ Treasurer's Report: President Vicki presented the report she and Jack Rose prepared:

Checkbook balance as of June 30, 2019			\$748.97*
Checks written	#1411 USPS Post box rental	134.00	
	#1412 Greg Lilly – June speaker	50.00	
Total Payments		184.00	
Balance			\$564.97

**The June report showed a starting balance of \$995.91 and an ending balance of \$884.14, which is a \$135.17 difference in what was shown on this month's report. Apologies for the error. Some of the checks and deposits appeared on both statements.*

✓ Golden Nib Winners Announced: Deadline for submissions to AAG is this Friday, July 12, 2019.

✓ Tidings is the monthly AAG newsletter handled by Sylvia Nickels. She needs information of interest from members to include in the newsletter. Please keep her in mind. Send information to mscribe@aol.com. She would like new members to send information about themselves or their books that they would like to have added to the newsletter. She thanked everyone for the recent contributions. Please submit information for the September issue by or before the end of August. Tidings comes out about a week or two before the general meeting.

✓ Speakers: President Vicki encouraged board members to think about and come up with ideas for future speakers and workshop presenters.

✓ Membership: Welcome new member Gretchen McCroskey. AAG now has 55 members!

✓ Presentation: President Vicki introduced guest speaker Damean Mathews, author of Tales of the Mysterious and Macabre, The Reaper, and Reservoir. He is hoping his most recent work about werewolves will soon have a publisher. He spoke about his enjoyment of writing about and bringing to light Appalachian lore and jack tales. Damean was born in Tazewell, VA. Learn more about his work at dameanmathews.com.

✓ Adjournment: President Vicki Fletcher adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13, 2019 from 1-3 p.m. at the Small Business Incubator. The Board meeting will be held from 12 – 1 p.m. and any member is welcome to attend this as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Myatt, secretary