

Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild
A Chapter of the Virginia Writers Guild
Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

Time and Place

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from noon until 1 p.m.

Attendance

President Vicki Fletcher, J.C. Schweingrouber, Addie Davis, Linda Hoagland, Sylvia Nickels, and Dan Swanson were in attendance for the board meeting. Attending the workshop were the board members and Larry Keith, David Oaks, and Linda Dobkins. Guest speaker was Jim Glanville. His guests were Paul Little and Chief Lee Vest and wife Cindy of the Yuchi Tribe.

Call to Order

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

Business

1. Minutes of the board meeting in August and general meeting in September were approved.
2. Treasurer's report: \$322.92 was noted as the balance. We will have the \$50 speaker's fee and the donation to the Arts Depot for \$100 (which deposits were made in this amount) to come out of the budget. We will finish the year with a little bit left over.
3. Tidings newsletter report- material is needed by the end of October for the next newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit items for publication.
4. Website report: Vicki Fletcher: Website is doing well. The board approved continuing the website as is for 2020. If you have suggestions for updates, links, topics to cover on our blog, etc., please send those to Vicki to be added.
5. Membership report: The list for 2019 reflects 57 members for the year. President Vicki reported two new members: Bunny Medeiros and David Oaks.

6. Events report: The Spring Fling for 2020 is scheduled for May 16th from 9 a.m. to either 3 or 4 p.m. President Vicki stated the schedule can be finalized when the board begins meeting in 2020. Dr. Jesse Graves and Tammy Robinson Smith have agreed to hold workshops. Two more are needed. Board members discussed some options.
7. The upcoming fall book sale will be Saturday, October 12th from 10 am to 2 pm. Activities for children are planned from 10 am to 12 pm.
Ellen Myatt agreed to provide cookies and treats.
8. President Vicki plans to send out the cookbook templates after the November meeting. Contributors will have December - March to submit one (or more) entries. Along with entries, she will ask members to submit names for the cookbook. The name will be finalized and sent out to the members following the board meeting in January. She would like to publish the book by May and have ready for our members to purchase them at cost and sell at their events. It will also be available on our website.
9. The slate of officers for the 2020 AAG are: President- Vicki Fletcher, Vice President- JC Schweingrouber, Treasurer- Jack Rose, Secretary- Ellen Myatt, Communications (Tidings) - Sylvia Nickels, Events Coordinator- Linda Hoagland, Website- Vicki Fletcher, Board members-at-large- Addie Davis and Dan Swanson.
10. President Vicki said she wants to get the resources page done for the website but has not had any time recently due to the number of projects she has had to complete. She has a few illustrators and now a freelance editor to add to it. Are any of you interested in being beta readers for other authors? I do hope to get this page up and going in the next couple of months (sooner if I can). Can you think of other people or services that we could include? I can contact them to see if it is okay to include them on the website. I will be "locking" this page for our members.
11. A tentative date of January 21st was set for a board meeting if the weather permits. A back up date of January 28th was given in case of inclement weather. **PLEASE SEND YOUR TOPICS, SPEAKERS, ETC. FOR 2020 AS VICKI WILL BEGIN WORKING ON THAT NOW IN PREPARATION FOR THE BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY.**
12. Adjournment- Vicki Fletcher adjourned the board meeting and turned the workshop over to Jim Glanville. Jim did a fabulous presentation on the "real" history of our region. You can check out more of his columns and work on his website: www.histonianet.net