

# Minutes

Appalachian Authors Guild  
A Chapter of the Virginia Writer's Club  
Bi-monthly Members Meeting  
Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Time and Place:

The bi-monthly meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild met on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Shoney's Restaurant in Abingdon, Virginia. The meeting was from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

## Attendance:

Speaker Steven James, President Linda Hoagland, Secretary Vicki Fletcher, Treasurer Jack Rose, Members Sylvia Nickels, J.C. Schweingrouber, Linda Dobkins, Louise Kilgore, Tom Fugate, Donald Perkins, and Roberta Long.

## Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Hoagland.

## Business:

- ✓ Secretary's report was printed and given to each member by Vicki Fletcher. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as given for the September General meeting. The October Board meeting minutes had one amendment to remove Sylvia Nickels as member of the nominating committee. It was then approved as given.
- ✓ Jack Rose, treasurer, gave a printed report and it was approved as given. We now have \$1,466.61 in the budget.
- ✓ Jack reported on the Virginia Highlands Festival. Jack said that AAG lost \$125 this year due to the cost of a double booth and the lack of authors paying for a table to be in the AAG booth this year. The VHF will be held again on Remsburg Dr. as it has been in the past instead of moving it to the Higher Ed Center. Jack felt this was a better space for us. You will receive an email to respond to in regards to you reserving a table this year and for how many days. As it gets closer to time to pay for the booth space(s), Jack will know if we can have 1 or 2 spaces. As a member, you need to take advantage of this opportunity to sell your books at this event.
- ✓ Linda is waiting until the board meeting in February to line up our speakers for 2016. The general meeting in March will be held at the Shoney's in Abingdon at 11:30 am as it has been in the past. We will decide at the February board meeting when to plan the meeting in Lebanon and what time it will be.

- ✓ Website/Communication chair Sylvia Nickels reported continuous hits of the website from people all over the world. We have 15,609 hits as of the meeting. She stated that Google is the most popular search engines and Chrome is the most popular browser.
- ✓ Linda reported 7 new members to AAG: Peggy Callison, Pete Dykes, Paul Hale, Roberta Long, Donald Perkins, BJ Patterson, and Madelyn Rohrer. We are growing in membership numbers which helps our budget. We would really like for more members to get involved in the group. We are hoping that another location and changing times of the meetings will accommodate those who work during the day.
- ✓ Linda also gave out the schedules for the Perkins (Dandridge only), Zazzy's in Abingdon, and Chapters Book Shop in Galax, VA. There is no one on the list for November and December. Again, if you are not taking advantage of these opportunities, they will not be pursued as an AAG event. If you are an AAG member and would like to schedule these, you can e-mail Linda to see the dates available. Her e-mail is [lhhoagland@gmail.com](mailto:lhhoagland@gmail.com).
- ✓ Linda let the group know that we are planning on an anthology of work from AAG members. The deadline for entries is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries can be poetry (no more than 50 lines), fiction, and/or creative non-fiction (no more than 3000 words.) We will have a Christmas anthology and a General anthology to be published and ready for sale at the Virginia Highlands Festival in 2016. Please get your entries turned in. We really want this to be a great work of our AAG authors and a fundraiser for future events.
- ✓ Complaint letters were presented to the members attending the meeting, discussed, and acknowledged.
- ✓ The nominations for officers for 2016 were given, motion was made and seconded. The officers for 2016 are: President- Linda Hoagland, Vice President- J.C. Schweingrouber, Treasurer- Jack Rose, Secretary- Vicki Fletcher, Website- Sylvia Nickels, and Member-at-Large- Linda Dobkins. Thank you to these people for your service.
- ✓ Linda announced that we would have a board meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm at the Abingdon Library. The next general meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Shoney's in Abingdon. Hope to see you there.

### **Speaker:**

Linda Hoagland, President and Program Chair, introduced the speaker, Steven James. He gave a very interesting talk on the myths of story writing. If you couldn't be with us, you missed a real treat.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by president, Linda Hoagland.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Fletcher, secretary