

TIME AND PLACE

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, followed by the "R.E.A.D. Forum" scheduled from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

President Vicki Fletcher, Linda Hoagland, Addie Davis, Jason Houghton, J.C. Schweingrouber, Dan Swanson, Jan Taylor, and Zoom Attendee: Kari Kilgore

CALL TO ORDER

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

Welcome and opening of the meeting – Vicki Fletcher

Treasurer's Report submitted by Vicki Fletcher with a balance of \$1208.77.

Tidings Newsletter report was not submitted due to absence of Sylvia Nickels. The new Tidings will be available prior to the May 6th Spring Fling.

Linda Hoagland reported that she sent meeting notices to 7 small newspapers for the April meeting along with the notices to A Magazine and Voice Magazine for Women. J.C. Schweingrouber stated that he will gladly present a podcast from any of the AAG authors. Please contact him for the information and submit any ideas for future podcasts and blog messages.

The membership now stands at 53 with 12 members being new additions.

Highlands Writers Day will consist of Appalachian Writers Guild members and Lost State Writers Guild members from the independent writers in the area. An email was sent requesting board members to select dates for each of them to set up. An additional email will be sent to all members. An email will be released soon with all info about registering.

Vicki plans to have a flyer available for Spring Fling and J.C. plans a podcast. Sponsors will be added to the website.

J.C. is working on the nonprofit status.

Tax filing is ready to go.

More recipes are needed for the cookbook. At this point, Vicki has not received enough for the book.

Discussion was held about how to entice a better attendance at meetings. Zoom and You Tube were mentioned as possibilities. Also, contacting radio states and TV stations for promotion.

A suggestion for cooking promos with the contributor making the dish in person.

A story time segment was proposed with the author reading the story for presentation.

Vicki added that if members do not take advantage of the meetings and workshop, a decision will need to be made about the future of AAG.

Presenters for the Read Forum were:

Addie Davis - 3

Vicki Fletcher - 2

Linda Hoagland - 3

Jason Houghton - 1

Adjournment – Vicki Fletcher