TIME AND PLACE

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, followed by the program “ Horror, Lore and Legend in Appalachian Fiction”  presented by Damean Mathews scheduled from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

President Vicki Fletcher, Linda Hoagland, Addie Davis, Jason Houghton, J.C. Schweingrouber, Dan Swanson, Damean Mathews, and Guest Melinda Scott, also 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 $1030.15.

To be paid: 6 months PO Box renewal.

Order books for sale at VHF – 10 Mountain Mist – 10 Mountain Voices – 20 Cookbooks

Tidings Newsletter report was not submitted due to absence of Sylvia Nickels. The new Tidings will be available prior to the July 11 General Membership Meeting.

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 members 36 renewals, 5 honorary, and 12 new members.

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 to choose the remaining dates.

Spring Fling was not a great lost even though attendance was not good.

Golden Nib information was issued with the deadline to Vicki Fletcher set at July 31st. She will then send it to the judges and the selections from the judges will be forward to the Virginia Writers Club. Check the Virginia Writers Club website for instructions.

J.C. is working on the nonprofit status. It should be submitted before fall.

J.C. has completed the Conflict of Interest part of the Articles of Incorporation.

There will be a new cookbook printed this year as enough recipes were collected. Hopefully, it will be printed prior to Virginia Highlands.

Discussion was held about how to entice a better attendance at meetings.

Suggestions were a Writing Prompt Game; 10 minutes every meeting to talk about writing; book launches; Amazon reviews (review each other); reviews to Goodreads; writing about unusual experiences (sons or daughters telling mom’s and dad’s stories); and oral story telling to writing.

Vicki Fletcher suggested a survey to ascertain best location, time, and day.

Holiday Anthology submissions due at the end of August.

Damean Mathews presented his program: “ Horror, Lore  and Legend in Appalachian Fiction”

Adjournment – Vicki Fletcher