**Appalachian Authors Guild**

**Board Meeting Tuesday, June 14th from 12-1pm**

**Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from noon until 1:00 p.m. followed by the presentation by Vicki Fletcher on “Marketing Tips.”

**ATTENDANCE**

President Vicki Fletcher, J.C. Schweingrouber, Linda Hoagland, Addie Davis, Jason Houghton, Dan Swanson, Tammy Robinson Smith, Greg Lilly, David Simms, Pamela Earley, and Suzanne Scheerer.

Guest: Becky Arnott

Zoom: Kari Kilgore, Jason Adams, Carol Cutler, A.J. Higgins, Rose Klix

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

**BUSINESS**

Welcome and opening of the meeting – Vicki Fletcher

Minutes of the April 12, and May 10, 2022, AAG Meetings were submitted by secretary Linda Hoagland.

Treasurer’s Report submitted by Vicki Fletcher with a balance of $544.94.

Tidings Newsletter was not submitted due to absence of Sylvia Nickels. A copy of the May 2022 issue was included in the packet. If you want something printed in the next issue, it must be submitted by the 1st of the month every other month as the new issue will be submitted a few days before the general meeting.

Linda Hoagland reported that she has added 3 newspapers to the meeting announcements along with A Magazine and Voice Magazine for Women. J.C. Schweingrouber was not present to give the other part of the publicity report.

There are currently 52 members with 2 of them being new members. The membership dues are at $25.00 for the year.

Publicity Reports – Linda Hoagland is continuing to submit meeting announcements to Voice Magazine for Women and A Magazine. J.C. Schweingrouber is adding AAG to his podcasts quite often and requests that authors who would like to be in a podcast contact him for an interview.

Website Report – Vicki Fletcher continues monitoring the website.

The updated VHF booth list was included and Dan Swanson was added to July 24 filling that date. There are 6 spaces remaining to be filled. Linda, Jason, and Vicki will also be selling books for the Guild. Guidelines will be sent out the week of the 11th for those sales.

Writers and Readers Day is schedule for Friday, July 29th from 8:30 am to 4:3-0 pm. Please check the website to register: [www.vahighlandsfestival.com/writers-and-readers-day](http://www.vahighlandsfestival.com/writers-and-readers-day).

The next meeting will be on July 12th at Abingdon Shoney’s from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Linda Hoagland will preside due to the absence of Vicki who will be having a tooth extraction that day. Entries for reading and discussion should be sent to jason.houghton42@gmail.com. This meeting will be used to encourage the author by accentuating the positive, eliminating the negative, and explain what is needed to improve the story. This is not a critique session. 500 words is the limit for prose and 50 lines for poetry.

The Golden Nib Guidelines were distributed with the deadline of August 9th for the entries to be received by Vicki Fletcher. She will send them to the judges who will make the decisions of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Then, all 1st place winners will be sent to VWC for final judgment on August 31st.

Drawing in students to the Guild was discussed with a student fee set at $10. Possibly setting up afterschool programs was discussed. Further discussion is needed.

Adjournment – Vicki Fletcher