

**Speed City Sisters in Crime**  
**July 24, 2021**

**Business meeting:** 11:05 a.m. Zoom meeting

**Called to order:** President Janet Williams

**The Minutes:** Ross Carley moved and Brigitte Kephart 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the June minutes  
Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brigitte Kephart

**BEGINNING BALANCE:**           **\$3,440.74**

**ENDING BALANCE:**           **\$3,644.82**

Steve Terrell moved and Lillie Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the treasurer's report.  
Treasurer's report approved pending audit.

**Discussion:** Brigitte will send payouts of \$25.00 for Murder 20/20. She asked if all contributing to the book receive a payout.

**Membership:** Elizabeth San Miguel

51 members in good standing –

47 have paid local

1 new member

**Website and Communication:** Hawthorn Mineart

Traffic is holding steady on the website and social media.

A new program was listed from Janis Thornton. Eventbrite will be used to push it out to social media.

**Programs:** Janis Thornton (upcoming meeting dates and speakers on Zoom):

July 24 – Louisville Chapter, *The Derby Rotten Scoundrels* (Suggestions for topics needed)

August 28 – Keith Royston, *The Westside Park Murders: Muncie's Most Notorious Cold Case*

September 28 – J. C. Kinney, *Write What You Know With A Twist*

**Action Item:** Plan future programs on how to get an agent and how to prepare an anthology.

**Marketing Committee Update:** Carol Paddock

Book cover was sent to authors.

Anthology authors are asked to send tag lines of what their stories are about.

The committee is focusing on promotion of the Halloween Anthology.

Photos may not be possible because of logistics. Photos could be done later. Authors are welcome to use their own photos.

A tip sheet should be ready by the publication date.

Give suggestions for festivals to the Marketing Committee.

The book launch will be closer to Halloween.

**Discussion:** Russ suggested a contest between the editors to choose the best taglines.

Janet Williams will look into a program with WFYI.

Steve Terrell stated WFYI turned out well with the Black Dogs Books Program.

Carol Paddock will follow up with Black Dog Books. She also talked to Irvington.

Russ Eberhart has reached out to Porters.

Ross Carley thinks Between the Pages is a possibility.

Crystal Rhodes asked if SCSIC uses the YouTube Channel.

Steve Terrell suggested he could do a reading from the cemetery.

Next Marketing Committee Meeting: August 11 at 7 p.m.

**Book Sells Update:**

Janet Williams will check to see if all contracts have been signed and returned.

Hawthorn will obtain proof copies from Amazon. IngramSpark does not do proofs.

Tony Perona and Diana Catt will review the proof again.

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date for the book to go to print.

SCSIC will participate in the Indiana Historical Authors Fair in December.

Michael Dabney asked if Hawthorn Mineart could have gotten an electronic copy.

Hawthorn stated Diana Catt and Tony Perona wanted a physical book for the final check and that they have been using a PDF.

**Future Meetings:**

Barnes and Noble is not allowing any large groups and does not appear to be an option for future meetings. Meetings will also continue on Zoom after in person meetings begin. Libraries seem to be the best option and have the best parking options.

**Action Items:** Send the paperwork for the 501c6 letter. Send any suggestions for meeting spaces to Janet Williams.

**First Friday Write-ins:**

First Friday write-ins continue. Attendance has been small. A member from Hawaii attends.

Access the write-ins on Eventbrite. The next write-in will be August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

**Critique Group Update:**

The critique group will continue to meet at 10:00 a.m. prior to each business meeting. Brenda Stewart has stepped down after many years coordinating the critique group. Brenda was thanked by the group for serving as the critique group coordinator. Russ Eberhart will be taking the position. Send material to be critiqued to Russ. Janet Williams will send an email to inform members of the change. Hawthorn Mineart will post the information on the website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Location For Future Meetings:**

Indy Reads is a possibility. Janet Williams stated we are in the process of receiving a letter from the IRS that will allow us to meet at public libraries.

Brigitte Kephart stated the \$400.00 grant was applied to the fee for the 501c6 letter.

**November Election of Officers:** This is an opportunity to play a role in the organization. Let Janet Williams know if interested in running for office. All members are eligible to run for office. All members may attend the board meetings.

**New Logo:** Hawthorn Mineart made changes to the new logo and the board approved. Members voted on the new logo. Elizabeth San Miguel moved and Steve Terrell seconded. Passed by the membership vote. It must also be approved by the National SIC organization. Janet Williams and Hawthorn Mineart will send the logo to National for approval.

**Prime Crime Conference:**

A letter was sent in January 2019 regarding comments made at Magna Cum Murder and there was no response. Some of the same originations are involved with Prime Crime. Janet Williams has sent a letter regarding the code of conduct. The Facebook administrators said they are volunteers and SCSIC needs to contact someone at the Columbia Club. National SIC is in agreement with our inquiry. Janet Williams will follow up with the executive director. Ross Carley suggested sending a copy of the letter to the events planner. Steve Terrell said the Midwest Writers Workshop is holding Agent Fest a week after Prime Crime. They are in the process of amending their bylaws. Hawthorn stated SCSIC is to abide by the National Code.

**Contracts for Deadbeat Book:**

Steve Terrell asked for an email with phone numbers for Crystal Rhodes, Lillie Evans and Janet Williams so they may discuss contracts for the book version of Deadbeat.

**Member Announcements:**

Steve Terrell – the American Bar Association published an article about the book he is working on based on one of his ancestors.

Crystal Rhodes and Lillie Evans announced that the play based on Grandmothers Incorporated is being performed for two nights at the Rapids Theater in Wisconsin on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lillie Evans asked if anyone had information on where to research on Native Americans. Some suggested the Native American Council.

Michael Dabney has a book signing at 1p.m. on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The address is 2424 Martin Luther King Blvd. This is a new bookstore that opened on Juneteenth. His book *An Untidy Affair* is available on Amazon.

Michael also has a story published in the Guppy Anthology *The Fish That Got Away*. The title of the story is Black on Black in Black.

**Meeting Dates for 2021:**

Board Meeting – August 18, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting – August 28, 2021 11:00 a.m. (Critique Group 10:00 a.m.) - via Zoom

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ramona Henderson, Secretary

