

## **Speed City Sisters in Crime** **November 27, 2021**

**Business meeting:** 11:02 a.m. Zoom meeting  
**Called to order:** President Janet Williams

**The Minutes:** October minutes held for approval at the January meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brigitte Kephart - No report. Will report at the January meeting.

**Membership:** Elizabeth San Miguel  
Fifteen members have paid local dues.  
Thirteen members have not paid national.  
Dues may be paid through the website or by mail.

**Website and Communication:** Hawthorn Mineart  
No report.

**Marketing Committee Update and Promotion Events:** Carol Paddock - No report.

**Programs:** Janis Thornton (upcoming meeting dates and speakers on Zoom):  
November 27 – No speaker. Chapter members will discuss projects and exchange ideas.  
January 22 – Andrew E. Stoner, author of a collection of Indiana true crimes and many other works  
February 26 - Russ Eberhart and a panel to speak on writing cyber security and technology in fiction.  
March 26 – Open (Mary Roach is a possible speaker.)  
Send ideas for possible speakers and programs to Steve Terrell.  
Steve thanked Janis Thornton for serving as program chair for the past four years.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Book Sells Update:**  
The 2021 Anthology is priced \$16.95

**Future Meetings:**  
SCSIC will continue meeting via zoom in January and February 2022.  
SCSIC has not heard from the IRS regarding tax status.  
Michael Dabney has suggested meeting at one of the meeting rooms at the complex where he lives at Meridian and 86<sup>th</sup> Street when in person meetings resume.  
The Carmel Library is a possibility after their renovations are completed.  
Send any suggestions for any large meeting places to Janet.  
In the future meetings will be held online as well as in person.

**Discussion:**  
Steve Terrell pointed out that Zoom meetings open the door for more possibilities for guest speakers.

Russ Eberhart stated we need to make certain the meeting places have good online access.

**November Election of Officers:**

Lillie Evans announced the November 27, 2021 election results.

No new nominations from the floor.

**Officers elected for 2022:**

President – Janet Williams

Vice President – Carol Paddock

Secretary – Diana Catt

Programs – Steve Terrell

Treasurer – Brigitte Kephart

Membership – Hawthorn Mineart

Media – Elizabeth San Miguel

A board meeting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> for the transition of officers.

**Critique Group Update:**

The critique group will continue to meet at 10:00 a.m. prior to each business meeting via Zoom. Interested members should send their material to Russ Eberhart as early as possible prior to the next meeting.

Brenda Stewart was thanked for leading the critique group for many years.

**Events:**

November 27<sup>th</sup> – The Morgan County Library Event

Authors attending: Diana Catt, Brigitte Kephart, and Michael Dabney

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 12- 4 p.m. – Holiday Author Fair at the Glick Indiana History Center

Authors attending: Janis Thornton, Michael Dabney, Keith Roysdon, Larry Sweazy, and Steve Terrell

**Dues Increase:**

Local chapter dues will be \$20.00 per year effective February 1, 2022.

National SIC annual dues will increase next year from \$50.00 to \$60.00. Members renewing their membership before February 1 can still pay \$50.00 for their 2022 membership.

Lifetime dues will go from \$500.00 to \$600.00 after February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Retreat:** It is hoped the plans for a retreat will reconvene in 2022.

**Member Announcements:**

Steve Terrell said that two stories from the Murder 20/20 anthology received honorable mention from Best Mystery Stories of the Year, his story *Deepest Darkness* and Elizabeth Perona's *The Ear Witness*.

Crystal Rhodes received 25 comment cards for *Ebony Eagles* and is editing it now.

Steve Terrell stated there will be a National Sisters in Crime webinar on Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. titled *Winning Writing Contests*. There is also a series on short stories that can be watched any time.

The Midwest Writers Workshop has a February event featuring Jane Friedman on the business of writing titled *Establishing an Author Platform*. The cost is \$79.00 if you register before February. [www.midwestwriters.org](http://www.midwestwriters.org)

**Meeting Dates for 2021:**

Board Meeting – December 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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

**Motion to adjourn:** Steve Terrell - moved and Brenda Stewart - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Meeting adjourned 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Ramona Henderson*, Secretary