

Speed City Sisters in Crime
Zoom Meeting Remote Access Minutes for Aug. 27, 2022

11 a.m. – Business Meeting Called to order at 11:11 am by President Janet Williams

Treasurers' Report (Brigitte Kephart)

- No expenses
- No income.
- \$3189.21 Beginning and Ending Balance the same
- Steve Terrel moves to accept report pending audit. Michael Dabney seconds. Passes unanimously.

Membership (Janet Williams for Hawthorn Mineart)

- Hawthorn for membership is out.
- One new member: DJ O'Toole.

Website/Media (Elizabeth San Miguel)

- No New info on website.
- 18 tickets "sold" for Terry Odell

Programs (Steve Terrell)

- Today Terry Odell – Romance with a Twist of Mystery. Also, develop a social media presence without blatantly selling books.
- September program speaker Jim Matheson cancelled. Asked if he could do October/November but it doesn't look good. Hoping we can get him in the first quarter of 2023.
 - Working on getting a new September speaker Ashley Luther who is a forensic scientist for the Indiana State Police. Will be Zoom meeting.
- October is still open. He issued an invitation to a woman from New England Sisters in Crime on Storyboarding. He thinks she will be our October speaker.
- November is us about how we are reading and what we are reading, etc. about what we are all reading.
- Some discussion about doing a National Sisters in Crime program but eventually decided to stay with schedule as set.
- John F Allen mentioned he is not getting newsletter.
- Steve Terrell needs more Amazon gift cards for our speakers. He needs to buy and then send receipt to Brigitte.

Old Business:

- Reminder: Critique group continues to meet an hour before the regular meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. Send information to Russ Eberhardt.
- We are planning our transition to hybrid meetings – a combination of in-person and Zoom.
- Update from recent book events
 - Aug. 5 at Chapter Two Books in Kokomo cancelled at last minute
 - Aug. 6 IndyPL Author Fair went well
 - Aug. 13 Author's Patch Bookstore in Danville books sold well and helped SCSinC presence
 - Even though we didn't sell many books it was good for getting our name out here. Good example of members getting good recognition. There were a number of people who were looking at HoHo and were gaga over recipes. In December plan is to have authors show up with their recipes
 - Diana and Russ sold 16 books. There were many people who were looking at HoHo and loved the recipes. Author's Patch would like for author's to make their recipes and bring them.
 - Porter Books and Bread: Will choose some recipes and make them in their kitchen. They will set a date probably around Thanksgiving or Christmas.

- Opportunities to promote our writing, our anthologies, and our chapter:
 - Sept. 24: 10 am-1 pm: Booking signing at the new Trio Restaurant in Greenfield. Russ is coordinating. Russ and Jon Burroughs planning to attend.
 - Currently scheduled during our meeting
 - Owner is still interested in doing the event
 - John Burroughs dresses up as James Whitcom Riley
 - Sent press release to restaurant
 - Russ will also be there for signing.
 - Would like for one of our female authors to attend and sign
 - Oct. 1: 10 am-12 pm book signing at Monrovia Library Branch Author Fair. Diana Catt is coordinating. Need volunteers.
 - Author fair. Diana Catt is coordinating at library
 - Diana will have her own table. Russ will be there.
 - Starts at 10am and will go to noon.
 - Even if you don't have a story in the anthologies you can go and support chapter
 - Oct. 20: Panel discussion and book signing at Bluffton Branch of Wells County Public Library in Bluffton. Steve Terrell is coordinating. Steve, Carol, Russ, Michael, and Janet planning to attend.
 - Steve is working on a panel discussion
 - Discuss Halloween anthology
 - Also writing short stories
 - This is a great time to push all our books as gifts for the holiday season
 - Will probably do a press release for this event as well
 - Nov. 5: 11 am-4 pm book signing at Avon-Washington Public Library
 - Janet will coordinate.
 - Still have spots available if you are interested
 - Nov 17th: Author's patch signing.
 - Dec. 3: Holiday Author Fair. Application for the Holiday Author Fair has been submitted and awaiting acceptance.
 - Tentative. Have not heard anything back
 - A panel discussion and book signing is in the works for Between the Pages bookstore in Lebanon.
 - Ideas for future signings or events please communicate that to either Janet Williams, Carol Paddock or anyone serving on the Speed City board.
 - Fun to participate
- October 15th at Between the Pages Events
- Anthology update: Hawthorn Mineart chairs the committee and will update members
 - Will be published in 2024 to coincide with Speed City Sisters in Crime 20th anniversary.
 - All members should have received a survey to choose theme for new anthology
 - Need Judges and Editors – separated because of national sisters in crime rules
 - We will have submission deadlines
 - Will be offering small stipend to contributors once a sales level is reached
 - Rights revert to author fairly quickly maybe 6 months
 - New story / ties to Indiana
 - Does not have to have a murder but does need a mystery
 - Probably 3000 to 6000 words

New business

- Speed City Sisters in Crime celebrates 24 years and in addition to an anthology, we need to begin planning for special events and activities to celebrate and promote our chapter. We need volunteers who are willing to help plan and coordinate.
- Retreat – we are planning a weekend writing retreat in 2024 to coincide with our 20th anniversary as a chapter for our members. Looking for volunteers who would like to serve on a retreat planning subcommittee.
 - Looking to do something in conjunction with our 20th anniversary
 - Need members for the committee
 - Carol went to retreat center in Tipton Indiana that has good possibilities
 - Maybe in Spring of 2024
 - Might want to get Dana Cameron as speaker at retreat
- Sisters in Crime also has a great collection of writing resources in its archives and can be accessed here: <https://www.sistersincrime.org/page/webinar-archives>

Conferences and other activities

- Bouchercon is meeting this year in Minneapolis from Sept. 8-11. Several of us are planning to attend. Who is going?
 - Many are planning to attend Bochercon
 - Might try to meet up with our group
 - Dana Cameron is going to be at Bouchercon
 - Sisters in Crime breakfast on Saturday morning

Member announcements

- Lunch today at 2:30 p.m. at Blind Owl Brewery on Binford Boulevard
- John Burroughs' sequel will be published

Next Program and Meeting Date

- Next SinC meeting: Sept. 24 @ 11 a.m. with speaker panel at noon.
- Next SinC speaker: To be announced

- Motion to adjourn by Russ Eberhardt. And Ramona seconded. Passed unanimously.