

**Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime
Minutes for Saturday Nov. 18, 2023**

Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Diana Catt at the Indianapolis Public Library in Lawrence

Minutes: Janet Williams moved and Ramona Henderson seconded motion to approve October minutes. Passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: Postponed until the end.

Membership: No report.

Media/website: Elizabeth San Miguel reported we have a website. Also noted that it is that time of year to renew membership, both local (\$20) and national (\$60). Local can be renewed on the Speed City website.

Programs: Steve Terrell reported that the speaker for the meeting is Leslie Budewitz.

Old Business

Election of officers

Michael Dabney chaired the election of officers and had distributed ballots both electronically and on paper. He opened the floor to nominations for all positions, including secretary which was the one with no candidate. There were no nominations and Michael said he was willing to fill the role if members wanted to write in his name.

Michael nominated himself and Diana Catt seconded his nomination as secretary. Diana then moved to close the nominations and Russ Eberhardt seconded.

Michael then counted the ballots. The results: President – Diana Catt; Vice President – Janet Williams; Secretary – Michael Dabney; Treasurer – Brigitte Kephart; Media/website – John Allen; Membership – Elizabeth San Miguel; Programs – Janis Thornton.

Retreat update

Members voted at October meeting to have retreat at Waycross in Brown County. The only weekend available was in November so members decided to hold retreat in 2025. Janet Williams has reached out to Waycross to find out what weekends are available in 2025. However, cannot book more than a year in advance.

Speed City anthology update:

Diana Catt reported that copies Amber Waves of Graves have been ordered. Elizabeth San Miguel submitted it for printing and is expected to arrive after Thanksgiving. Elizabeth said she ordered 150 books to be delivered to Diana. Of those, 107 have been purchased.

Janet Williams said Elizabeth San Miguel and Hawthorne Mineart and the editors deserve a thanks for getting the book finished. There is discussion about a launch party but nothing was decided.

Janis Thornton said she would talk to the manager at Barnes and Noble about a book event there.

New business

Events

Carol Paddock said there is an event at Gal's Guide on Dec. 2

Russ Eberhardt said the Irvington Historical Society Nightmare Before Christmas event on Dec. 16. He also said there is an event tentatively scheduled on Jan. 20 at Between the Pages in Lebanon.

Member meetings in 2024:

All meetings except May's will be held at the Beech Grove branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. Those dates are Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 23, April 27, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 23. The location of the May 25 meeting is to be determined. Meetings will be hybrid – in-person and on Zoom.
2024 challenge

Diana Catt encouraged members to set writing goals for 2024 and Janet said she will compile them if members want to send them to her.

Member announcements

Mary Bischoff shared that she recently visited the Chesapeake chapter of Sisters in Crime.

John Allen thanked members for electing him media chair and announced that his 11th grandchild, named Maui, was born. He also shared that he is doing NaNoWriMo in November and is working to complete a short story set in Chicago in the 1930s called Jazzman's Tears.

Steve Terrell shared that he has a contract officer for his book about the murder trial of his Uncle John from Kent State University Press.

Crystal Rhodes announced that she and Lillie Evans are among 35 artists to receive a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission to conduct a playwriting class at the Harrison Center. Class members will work on a short play over five weeks starting March 8.

Jon Burroughs announced that he will be at the Riley Museum in Greenfield appearing as Charles Dickens.

Delayed treasurer's report: Beginning balance - \$3,736.70, \$130.56 in dues paid, \$82.60 in expenses, with ending balance of \$3,784.96.

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.