

## **Speed City Sisters in Crime** **October 23, 2021**

**Business meeting:** 11:02 a.m. Zoom meeting

**Called to order:** President Janet Williams

**The Minutes:** Brigitte Kephart moved and Keith Roysdon 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the September minutes. Minutes approved with one correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brigitte Kephart

**BEGINNING BALANCE:**                 **\$2,238.76**

**ENDING BALANCE:**                   **\$1,945.86**

Carol Paddock moved and Keith Roysdon 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the treasurer's report.  
Treasurer's report approved pending audit.

**Membership:** Elizabeth San Miguel

The roster shows 50 members. Eight have paid local dues and one has not paid national.

Dues may be paid through the website.

Janet Williams reminded everyone that National dues are increasing from \$50.00 to \$60.00. \$50.00 if paid prior to February 1.

**Website and Communication:** Hawthorn Mineart

All recorded videos are up.

Taglines and memes regarding the Halloween Anthology are being sent out on social media and other SIC groups are retweeting them. People can share them on Instagram.

**Marketing Committee Update and Promotion Events:** Carol Paddock

The marketing committee met on September 29th. They are focusing on the promotion of the Halloween Anthology. Taglines are being sent out. Keith Roysdon sent out a press release.

A book signing will be held in conjunction with the Gal's Guide at the Nickel Plate Arts in Noblesville from 2-4 p.m. October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The address is 107 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Noblesville, IN.

Authors volunteering are Ross Carley, Janet Williams, Carol Paddock and Ramona Henderson.

A book signing is scheduled at the Speakeasy Book Store in Danville at 6:30 on Friday October 29. Volunteers are Janet Williams, Cheryl Shore, Elizabeth San Miguel, and Ross Carley.

The podcast will be broadcast on Saturday October 30. Authors volunteering are Russ Eberhart, Elizabeth San Miguel, Mary Ann Koontz, and Tony Perona.

The Indianapolis Author's Fair at the Indianapolis Public Library is from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Janet Williams has volunteered to attend. There is space for one more volunteer.

Carol Paddock will be signing books at a private Halloween party event on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Avon Author's Fair will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on November 1. Janet Williams and Tony Perona will attend.

The Morgan County Library Event in Monrovia will be on from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are Diana Catt, Michael Dabney, and Brigitte Kephart.

**Discussion:** Janet Williams stated she will reach out to Black Dog Books and Irvington Vinal and Books.

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

October 23 – Andrew Welsh-Huggins, Is There a Draft in Here? The Art of Revision

November 27 – No speaker. Chapter members will discuss projects and exchange ideas.

January 22 – Panel will present how to put an Anthology together.

Russ Eberhart and a panel to speak on writing cyber security and technology in fiction at future date.

Send any suggestions for future programs to Janet Williams.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Book Sells Update:**

Some of the Halloween Anthologies still need to be distributed. Contact Janet to make arrangements to pick up the books.

Janet Williams will reorder copies of Murder 20/20 and is in the process of getting an electronic copy for authors.

### **Future Meetings:**

SCSIC will continue meeting via zoom through early 2022. SCSIC has not heard from the IRS regarding tax status. Janet Williams is in touch with Indy Reads regarding a place to meet.

Send any suggestions for any large meeting places to Janet.

Indy Reads may be a possible meeting place. Janet will check out the Speakeasy Book Store when she is there.

In the future meetings will be held online as well as in person.

### **Discussion:**

Janis Thornton asked if all libraries charge for their meeting places or just Marion County.

Carol Paddock said she would check into Hamilton East Library.

Ramona Henderson suggested checking the cost of Marian Universities classrooms.

Cheryl Shore said we should consider churches.

Ross Carley said internet access is important.

**November Election of Officers:** Michael Dabney is heading the nominating committee.

Lillie Evans is assisting him. Diana Catt had volunteered but removed herself from the election committee to run for secretary.

Election will be held on November 27, 2021. Seven officers will be elected. Ballots will be emailed to SCSIC members by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Members may vote online or by mail.

Nominees:

President – Janet Williams

Vice President – Carol Paddock

Secretary – Diana Catt

Treasurer – Brigitte Kephart

Programs – Steve Terrell

Membership – Hawthorn Mineart

Media - Unconfirmed

Members may also serve as backups for officers.

**New Logo:** The new logo has been approved by National SIC.

**First Friday Write-ins:**

First Friday write-ins continue but have not been well attended.

**NaNoWriMo 2021:**

Reminder: The month of November is national novel writing month.

**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. Several members participated on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Dues Increase:**

SCSIC board met on October 12 and voted to bring an increase in dues before the members for voting. Dues would increase from \$15.00 per year to \$20.00; effective February 1, 2022. The extra funds would offset some of the retreat expenses and gifts to speakers.

**Discussion:**

Diana Catt pointed out that some SIC chapters use book sale profit to pay members' dues.

Michael Dabney stated SCSIC paid dues for those who couldn't pay in the past.

Steve Terrell thought this would allow SCSIC to have money for other things.

Russ Eberhart - motioned and Michael Dabney- 2nd. Members voted in favor of increasing dues after to \$20.00 per year effective February 1, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

National SIC annual dues will increase next year from \$50.00 to \$60.00.

Lifetime dues will go from \$500.00 to \$600.00. Members renewing their membership this year can still pay \$50.00.

**Retreat:** It is hoped the plans for a retreat will reconvene next year.

**Member Announcements:**

There will be a reading of Ebony Eagles at the Glendale Library on November 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by Lillie Evans and Crystal Rhoads.

Ross Carley has finished THE THREE-LEGGED ASSASSIN. Karen Phillips designed the cover.

The reveal takes place the October 23, 2021.

Diana Catt has signed a contract for her novel called DEATH MAP.

Shirley Coutts has a new address.

**Meeting Dates for 2021:**

Board Meeting – November 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting – November 27, 2021, 11:00 a.m. (Critique Group 10:00 a.m.) - via Zoom

**Motion to adjourn:** Ross Carley moved and Lillie Evans 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ramona Henderson, Secretary