

Speed City Sisters in Crime: Minutes for July 23, 2022

- Call to Order Hawthorn Mineart, Membership chair called meeting to order. President Janet Williams and Vice President Carol Paddock were unable to make the meeting.
- Diana Catt unable to attend. Elizabeth San Miguel will take minutes.
- The minutes for June 2022 were approved. Brigitte First. Russ seconded.
- Treasurer's Report: Brigitte Kephart
 - Beginning Balance: \$3167.06
 - Dues came in from new member Vanessa Stevens for \$20.09
 - Amazon Deposit \$2.06
 - No Expenses
 - Ending: \$3189.21
 - Lilly first motion and Russ second motion for Treasurer's Report.
- Membership Report: 45 members – Hawthorn will send out letter to reach out to former members to see if they wanted to sign up again or just get feedback.
- Send out newsletter last month with no issues.
 - Asked if anyone wanted to send me info to update website.
 - No stats
- Programs: Steve Terrell
- Hope and Gary Clark today. Husband is former Georgia ATF and former Homeland officer.
 - Will talk about issue with what writers get right and wrong.
 - Hope does a blog called Funds for Writers.
 - Terry Odell will speak next month of Romance with twist of mystery
 - Ways to have social presence
 - Jim Madison—Prof Emeritus at IU. Writes books about lynching in Indiana
 - Still looking for an October 2022 meeting
- Marketing Committee: Carol not available. Will cover events during old business
- Welcome to new members and visitors
 - No new members to introduce

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.
 - Russ said active group that is going well.
- Meeting will eventually be hybrid where we meet in person and online.
 - Set for Zoom programs through September.
 - Steve looking for in person speaker for October
- Large List to promote our writing
 - Aug. 5: Book Signing and scavenger hunt at Chapter Two Books in Kokomo. Russ is coordinating. Russ, Janis, Steve and Diana are planning to attend. Russ will check to see if they will do this or not.
 - Aug. 6: 11am-4 pm IndyPL Author Fair. The chapter was accepted to the IndyPL Author Fair. Carol Paddock will attend.

- Aug. 13: 9 am-1 pm Author's Patch Bookstore in Danville. Russ is coordinating. Room for more authors. Russ and Diana are planning to attend. Lot of traffic expected.
- Sept. TBD: Booking signing at the new Trio Restaurant in Greenfield. Russ is coordinating. Russ and Jon Burroughs planning to attend. Russ is going there for dinner tonight.
- Sept. 17: Panel Discussion and books signing at Between the Pages in Lebanon. Diana Catt is coordinating. Need volunteers. 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Oct. 1: 10 am-12 pm book signing at Monrovia Library Branch Author Fair. Diana Catt is coordinating. Need volunteers.
- 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. Halloween event. Need to discuss if we will wear costumes.
- Dec. 3: Holiday Author Fair. Application for the Holiday Author Fair has been submitted and awaiting acceptance. Takes place at Indiana Historical Society. Probably won't hear until August or September. Were on waiting list last year, hope will get in this year. Tend to sell a lot of books.
- Ideas for future signings or events please communicate that to either Janet Williams, Carol Paddock or anyone serving on the Speed City board.
- Anthology update: The anthology committee, chaired by Hawthorn Mineart, met on July 13 and brainstormed several themes for a chapter anthology with an expected publication in 2023. The plan is for chapter members to vote on the theme.
 - Seven story ideas submitted. Too many to present. Some were more developed than others. Committee narrowed down and asked board to narrow down further. Will send out and ask chapter membership to vote on theme. Three will go out to membership.
 - Will go through timeline. Expecting to take about a year
 - Hawthorn will ask former editors to go over what they did
 - H has created a guidebook
 - Looking for editors for latest anthologies
 - Will set in motion items in next month to get it done
 - New guidelines from National for anthologies
 - <https://www.sistersincrime.org/page/AnthologyGuidelines>

NEW BUSINESS

- Retreat
 - we are planning a weekend writing retreat for our members.
 - Looking for volunteers who would like to serve on a retreat planning subcommittee
 - No date or place decided on
- 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. Could be fun to have a strong Indiana contingent at this conference.
 - Russ will be on cybercrime panel
 - Bookseller in Minneapolis who will handle sales
 - Contact Russ if you would like her to handle your books on consignment
 - Pamela Rees will attend
 - Steve Terrell will attend and may be on a panel
 - Janet might not be able to make it.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- John Allen is a new member from Indianapolis. Michael Dabney introduced
 - Writer of fantasy and looking to do mysteries. First met him because he worked at Barnes and Noble when we met there.
 - Writing and Published in Urban Fantasy realm
 - Working on a mystery novel
 - Michael agreed to read over the first the chapters
- Vanessa Stephens is new member.
- Keith Roysdon
 - Has enjoyed connecting with other members on social media. Nice way to keep in contact with people. @KeithRoysdon
- Member bios and list of published books
 - Send to Elizabeth. Be sure to send what you want put up on the website. Elizabeth will not be doing any editing or rewriting.
 - Does not HAVE to be mystery publications

NEXT PROGRAM AND MEETING DATE

- Next SinC meeting: Aug. 27 @ 11 a.m. with speaker panel at noon.
 - Next SinC speaker: Terry O'Dell, "Romance With a Twist of Mystery". Her published works include the Pine Hills Police Series, the Blackthorne, Inc. covert ops series, the Triple-D Ranch series, and the stand alone, What's in a Name? They are all romantic suspense. She has also written the Mapleton Mystery series, which has been described as a blend of police procedural and cozy mysteries. Heather's Chase is a standalone international mystery romance, that O'Dell researched on a trip through the British Isles. Her mystery short story collection, Seeing Red, is a Silver Falchion award winner.