

Speed City Sisters in Crime
Zoom Meeting Remote Access
July 23, 2022

11 a.m. – Business Meeting

12 – 1 p.m. – Hope & Gary Clark - Getting the Facts Right in Mysteries and Finding Money While You're at It. She is a mystery writer but also does the blog Funds for Writers. Her husband is a former Georgia ATF officer, as well as former Fed Customs Agent and Border Patrol investigator. He will be talking about law enforcement; she will talk about writing crime stories, and they both will talk on how they team up and incorporate his expertise in her writing. Also, she will talk about where writers can get money -- contest, freelance, etc.

Call to Order – Janet Williams

Minutes – Diana Catt (Motion to accept; all in favor; all opposed)

Treasurer's Report – Brigitte Kephart (Motion to accept pending audit)

Membership – Hawthorn Mineart

Website/Communications/Blog – Elizabeth San Miguel

Programs – Steve Terrell

Vice president/marketing – Carol Paddock

Welcome to new members and visitors

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.
- Opportunities to promote our writing, our anthologies and our chapter:
 - 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.
 - Aug. 6: 11am-4 pm IndyPL Author Fair. The chapter was accepted to the IndyPL Author Fair. Carol Paddock will attend.
 - Aug. 13: 10 am-1 pm Author's Patch Bookstore in Danville. Russ is coordinating. Can have a few more volunteers. Russ and Diana are planning to attend.
 - Sept. TBD: Booking signing at the new Trio Restaurant in Greenfield. Russ is coordinating. Russ and Jon Burroughs planning to attend.
 - Sept. 17: Panel Discussion and books signing at Between the Pages in Lebanon. Diana Catt is coordinating. Need volunteers.
 - 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.
 - Dec. 3: Holiday Author Fair. Application for the Holiday Author Fair has been submitted and awaiting acceptance.
- 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.

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.
- 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.

Member announcements

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.