

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

**11 a.m. – Business Meeting**

**12 – 1 p.m. – 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.

**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.
- Update from recent book events in Aug. 5 at Chapter Two Books in Kokomo; Aug. 6 IndyPL Author Fair; and Aug. 13 Author’s Patch Bookstore in Danville.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - Nov. 5: 11 am-4 pm book signing at Avon-Washington Public Library
  - Dec. 3: Holiday Author Fair. Application for the Holiday Author Fair has been submitted and awaiting acceptance.
- 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.
- Anthology update: Hawthorn Mineart chairs the committee and will update members

**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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chapter 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. Who is going?

### **Member announcements**

- Lunch today at 2:30 p.m. at Blind Owl Brewery on Binford Boulevard

### **Next Program and Meeting Date**

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