

**Speed City minutes**  
**Feb. 25, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 11:12 a.m. after some difficulty starting Zoom.

Minutes from January meeting. Carol Paddock move to approve and Keith Royston seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: Brigitte Kephart reported that started the period with \$3,439.82, collected \$160.45 in dues and \$39.01 in book sales for a total income of \$199.46, and ended the period with \$3,679.28. Lilly Evans moves to approve pending audit and Elizabeth San Miguel seconded. Passed unanimously.

Membership Committee: Hawthorn Mineart reported the chapter has 38 members, four of whom were added as a result of an email sent by Hawthorne to those who hadn't renewed. Hawthorn discussed reviewing the list of those who haven't renewed with Diana Catt and figure out who are good candidates for a follow-up email.

Website: Elizabeth San Miguel has updated the website with chapter news.

Speakers: Stephen Terrell updated members on upcoming speakers. The information is on the website.

Event Coordinator: Russ Eberhart updated members on upcoming events. They include March 18 at Between the Pages in Lebanon from noon-3 p.m. (Russ and Diana attending, and Janet will go if Michael Dabney cannot); Author's Patch in Danville on April 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Diana, Russ and Janet going).

**Old Business**

Amber Waves of Graves

- The anthology committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 and will adjust the deadlines for submission to allow writers to submit to critique groups. Other deadlines will also be adjusted and the new dates will be communicated to the chapter. Hawthorn is sending the invitation.
- November 15, 2023: publication date
- Editors: Lillie Evans, Tony Perona and Steve Terrell
- Manuscripts to be sent to Elizabeth San Miguel: [esm.kirlia@gmail.com](mailto:esm.kirlia@gmail.com)
- Judges: Brigitte Kephart, Michael Dabney and Janet Williams

Future meeting locations

- Janet has locations set for most dates and they will be posted on our website and on each agenda.

- March 25 meeting will be at Nora branch of the Indianapolis Public Library, 8625 Guilford Ave, Indianapolis, IN

#### Speed City retreat in 2024

- Planning committee for retreat in 2024 is being reconstituted. Committee members are Elizabeth San Miguel, Crystal Rhodes, Carol Paddock and Janet Williams. Next step is to schedule a planning meeting.

#### Critique group

- Russ provided an update of the critique group, which meets on Zoom one hour before the regular Speed City meeting. The group is looking to add an additional critique session so those submitting to the anthology will have a chance to submit to the group before the anthology deadline. The date is being extended.
- Russ will send a separate invitation to the meeting and Janet will send a separate Zoom invitation to the regular meetings. Note that the link to the monthly meeting is included in the monthly newsletter sent by Elizabeth every month.

#### **New Business**

##### Midwest Writers Workshop

- Decision made at the February Speed City board meeting to go ahead with payment for sponsorship of MWW at the platinum level. Payment has been submitted.
- This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and with the sponsorship we display a logo, website link, and ad content for program. We will have a table for sales (chapter and member books) and membership signups.
- We will host a flash fiction contest and Speed City members who will be attending will judge.
- Regular registration fee is \$349. Early bird registration fee is \$269. Virtual registration fee is \$199. The dates are July 14-19.

##### Reestablish Book Club

- We did this for many years and book discussions took place over lunch or during critique group. No interest was expressed.

##### New chapter address

- Speed City Sisters in Crime
- P.O. Box 133
- Indianapolis, IN 46206-0133

##### Upcoming events

- Hamilton County Author Fair **Saturday April 15, 2023**

- Monrovia Library Author Fair Save the date! **October 7, 2023** will be the third annual MCPL Author Fair! This event takes place from 2-5 PM at the Monrovia Branch of the Morgan County Public Library, located at 145 S Chestnut Street, Monrovia, IN 46157. The MCPL Author Fair is FREE to participate in, but space is limited. Interested authors can apply for a spot between now and August 12, 2023. Selected Authors will be notified by August 25.
- MWW Online Seminar: Getting Published Masterclass with Jane Friedman. Getting Published Masterclass: Traditional, Self, Hybrid, and More. Saturday, **March 11, 2023** 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 1:30-3:00 pm EST (\$99),

#### Announcements

- Russ Eberhart's book, *The Three-Legged Assassin* has been nominated for Silver Falchion Award at this year's Killer Nashville.
- Carol Paddock has a piece published in an anthology from the Gal's Guide in Noblesville. There will be a signing at Gal's Guide on March 25.
- Crystal Rhodes and Lillie Evans did a reading of one of their works at the Arts Garden in Indianapolis on Feb. 25.