

Speed City minutes
April 22, 2023

Hybrid and in-person on Zoom meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m.

Minutes from March meeting. Jon Burroughs moved to approve and Elizabeth San Miguel seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: Brigitte Kephart reported that started the period with \$3,172.04 with income of \$130.11 and \$216 in expenses. The ending balance: \$3,086.14. Moved by Janet Williams and second by Elizabeth San Miguel to approve pending audit. Passed unanimously.

There is a \$400 check coming from national and it has yet to be received.

Membership Committee: No report.

Website

Elizabeth San Miguel reported that Terry Barnett has a new book and information will be added to the website. Elizabeth will spotlight member John Allen, who teaches at the Indiana Writer's Center, in the next newsletter. She has been trying to feature a member each month in the newsletter.

Carol Paddock suggested that we should push to do more on social media and has agreed to help Elizabeth with the work. John Allen said he is willing to help.

Speakers

Steve Terrell reported that the speaker will be L.C. Hayden; May is Brian Sweany, acquisitions editor for Recorded Books; and in October Lori Rader-Day will speak.

Steve asked if members are interested in a program on artificial intelligence and the overwhelming answer was yes, members are interested. Russ said he can help put a panel together and Steve said that the months of July, August and September don't have speakers booked yet.

Old Business

2024 retreat

The plan is for a chapter retreat in 2024 to coincide with the chapter's anniversary. The board has suggested the second or third weekend in October. No discussion at the meeting. (Committee members are Elizabeth San Miguel, Crystal Rhodes, Carol Paddock and Janet Williams.)

Amber Waves of Graves

Judging is complete and the stories have been forwarded to the editors, Lillie Evans, Tony Perona and Steve Terrell.

Critique Group

Members of the critique group, led by Russ Eberhardt, meet at 9 a.m. Zoom only on the day of the chapter's regular monthly meetings. (This is changed from the 10 a.m. start time.) Russ said Saturday's critique discussion was one of the most animated.

Midwest Writers Workshop

The Midwest Writer's Workshop is celebrating its 50th anniversary and Speed City SinC is a sponsor and those who are attending will run a flash fiction contest. Janet Williams and Russ Eberhardt will work on a writing prompt. The event takes place the weekend of July 17.

Deadbeat

Contracts signed by Lillie Evans and Crystal Rhodes to market their Grandmothers Inc. play with Deadbeat, which was written by Speed City chapter members. There is no update on that status.

New Play

Speed City Sisters in Crime celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2024 and members have begun work on a new play for the Indy Fringe Festival. Next writing session is April 30 at Janet's house. The group includes Diana Catt, Elizabeth San Miguel, Carol Hall, Hawthorn Mineart and Ramona Henderson.

New Business

Diana asked if there is interest among members to tour the Ray Bradbury Center on the IUPUI campus. Tours are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Events

- April 29: MacArthur Books in Carmel. Janis Thornton and Russ Eberhardt will be there as part of National Independent Bookstores Day. Time is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the table can accommodate up to five people if others from the chapter are interested.
- May 6: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Porter Books and Bread, Lawton Loop in Lawrence.
- May 20: 10-11:30 a.m. at the Hancock Public Library in Greenfield. Jon Burroughs has arranged for a panel discussion and a book signing.
- July 19-22 is Midwest Writers Workshop at the Ball State Alumni Center.
- Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book signing at The Author's Patch in Danville as part of Danville's Paint the Town event. Contact Russ if interested in attending.
- Oct. 7 from 2-5 p.m. The third annual Monrovia Library Author Fair takes place at Monrovia Branch of the Morgan County Public Library, 145 S Chestnut Street, Monrovia. The MCPL Author Fair is FREE to participate in, but space is limited. Interested authors can apply for a spot between now and Aug. 12. Authors will be notified by Aug. 25.
- Nov. 16 from 5-8 p.m. book signing at The Author's Patch in Danville as part of the community's Ladies' Night Out. Chapter will share recipes from Homicide for the Holidays.

Bouchercon 2028

Diana reported that the chapter is assembling a proposal for Indianapolis to host Bouchercon in 2028. So far, there is no other city bidding to host that year. The bid needs to be submitted by June 1. There will be many opportunities for members to volunteer at event.

Next meeting

May 27 at 11 a.m. Michael Dabney is arranging to meet at the complex where he lives on Meridian and 86th streets. Critique will meet on Zoom at 9 a.m.

Jon Burroughs moved and Elizabeth San Miguel seconded to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Extras:

Chapter address

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

Future 2023 meeting locations, which will also be on Zoom:

- **Saturday 24 June 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Glendale Public Library (6101 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN)
- **Saturday 29 July 2023 [FIFTH SATURDAY]** 10:00am-2:00pm Glendale Public Library (6101 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN)
- **Saturday 26 August 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Irvington Public Library (5625 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN)
- **Saturday 23 September 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Beech Grove Public Library (1102 Main St, Beech Grove, IN)
- **Saturday 28 October 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Beech Grove Public Library (1102 Main St, Beech Grove, IN)
- **Saturday 18 November 2023 [THIRD SATURDAY]** 10:00am-2:00pm Lawrence Public Library (7898 Hague Rd, Indianapolis, IN)