

**Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime  
Minutes for Sat. March 23, 2024  
Via Zoom and Franklin College, in Franklin, IN**

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by chapter President Diana Catt.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Janet Williams, seconded by Jon Burroughs.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Brigitte Kephart reported a beginning balance of \$4,290.67, with \$223.22 in income and NO expenses. Ending balance was \$4,513.89. On a motion by Crystal Rhodes and seconded by Janis Thornton, the report was approved.

**Membership:** Elizabeth San Miguel reported the chapter has 51 members who have paid national dues.

**Media:** John F. Allen is looking into the pros and cons of moving from Weebly to WordPress. No decision has been made. The annual expenses for Weebly are listed at the bottom of the Treasurer's Report which had just been approved. Steve Terrell asked whether WordPress would accept payments and John replied yes.

### **Old Business**

Janet reported that the chapter will hold a writers retreat in the first week of May 2025 at Waycross. The chapter will have price updates in the coming months. A committee of volunteers will be established to handle programing and other issues.

For pay outs for chapter anthologies, Brigitte reported, at the bottom of her earlier report, that Trick or Treat sales through March 2024 for \$100.49 to reach author pay out, and Amber Waves of Graves would need \$823.07 to reach author pay out.

The chapter needs volunteers to staff the table at the Hamilton East Public Library author fair on Sat., April 20, in Fishers. Russ Eberhart and possibly Janet will attend for the chapter. Both Michael Dabney and Janis will also attend but will have separate tables.

The Midwest Writers Workshop is July 11-13, in Muncie, and the chapter's sponsorship includes six discounted convention fees, which will go to Diana, Russ, John, Ramona Henderson, Mary Ann Koontz and Arianna Grazianni.

Cardinal Publishing would like to publish the chapter's next anthology, with the theme being around Indiana landmarks. Tom Doherty said he could promote them through state parks and other landmarks where his company already has books.

The timing and other details are being considered and worked out. Both Janet and Michael have volunteered to edit, depending on the timing of the anthology. No final decision has been made.

### **New Business**

Behind the Book, a conversation with Scott Carson (Michael Koryta) and Hank Phillippi Ryan, will be on Tuesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. at the Carmel public library.

The April meeting will return to the Beech Grove branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. No location has yet been set for the May meeting.

Diana and Janet will complete the certificates for the Equity Project 101 required by the national organization.

Crawfordsville will host its first ever author fair on Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A table will cost \$20.

Destination Danville is June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Member News**

Crystal and Lillie Evans are teaching a playwriting class and will have a reading of Senior Prom on April 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Harrison Arts Center.

Steve is speaking at the State Museum on Aug. 10.

Jon is doing an eclipse reading on Monday, April 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by Michael Dabney