

**Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime
Minutes for Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024**

Location: **Zoom and Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St., Carmel**

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

Minutes: The minutes were sent out via the newsletter and approved on a motion by Ramona Henderson and seconded by Arianna Grazzianni.

Treasurer's Report: Was tabled until next month, though payments for the Trick or Treats anthology will be paid out in the coming month.

Membership: Elizabeth San Miguel reported the chapter has added two new members, bringing local membership up to 49.

Media: John F. Allen said some members are not getting the newsletter, and suggested that people check their email spam folders. Also that members should add the chapter to their contacts. If all else fails, contact John and it can be sent individually. Contact John or Elizabeth regarding issues related to the newsletter.

Speakers: Today's speaker is Steve Terrell who is discussing his newest book, The Madness of John Terrell: Revenge and Insanity on Trial in the Heartland. Crystal Rhodes and Lillie Evans are the speakers in November.

Old Business

1, The writing retreat is next May 2-4, 2025, at the Waycross Camp and Conference Center in Morgantown, Indiana. A single room is \$350, and a double room is \$280, including meals. Those wishing to attend must place a 20 percent downpayment in January 2025 for the full rate. Let Diana know as soon as possible whether you intend to attend.

The committee for the retreat currently consists of Diana, John, Crystal, Elizabeth, and Carol Paddock.

2, The chapter's next anthology will feature Indiana landmarks. The guidelines are on the chapter's website and the deadline for submissions is Nov. 20, 2024.

The anthology's title is: Scenic and Sinister: An Indiana Landmarks Anthology by Speed City Indiana Sisters in Crime.

Will look into having the book launch at Barnes and Noble.

3, The election for 2025 officers will be in November. The slate is:

President: Diana Catt

Vice President: Janet Williams

Secretary: Arianna Grazzianni

Treasurer: Tony Perona

Membership: Elizabeth San Miguel

Media: John F. Allen

Speakers: Janis Thornton

The voting will be by ballot via email or in-person in November's meeting.

New Business

John is looking to have a membership drive in 2025 to engage greater membership and participation.

Ramona is considering the critique group meet online on a different day in order to meet the deadline for the anthology.

News

Jon Burrough's newest mystery novel, Karma and Crisis, has been published.

Coming book signings and events:

Star Base Indy convention will be Nov. 29-Dec. 1

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.