

**Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime
Minutes for January 24, 2026
Location: Zoom only due to weather**

The meeting was called to order by chapter President Diana Catt at 11:01 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting appeared in the December newsletter and were accepted.

Treasurer's Report was published in the newsletter:

Speed City SinC Treasurer's Report January, 2026 (as of 1/16/2026)

BEGINNING BALANCE (12/15/2026): \$ 2,043.40

Income: Author's Patch December 2025 (HOHO-1) \$ 13.17

Interest (?) \$ 0.69 Total \$ 13.86

Total Income: \$ 13.86

Expenses: None

Total Expenses: \$ 0.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$ 2,057.26

Upcoming Expenses / Income: Notes:

- Local dues paid through National will come later (after Dec. 31?)
- Amber Waves of Graves through 12/16/2025 (Bal \$664.25 to reach author pay out)

Tony Perona was unable to attend the meeting. Discussion/approval was tabled until next month.

Announcement:

John Allen has resigned as our Media Officer. Elizabeth San Miguel will now serve as Media Officer. Michael Dabney will now serve in her previous position of Membership Officer. Thanks for stepping up!

Membership:

We are moving to a simpler process for membership renewals. You will now be able to renew your local membership at the same time and place as you renew your national membership. This will save members a \$1 processing fee. Until the link is on our local website, you can use the national website to renew both, or you can still send a check to Tony. Michael Dabney will look into some issues that members have reported with paying dues on the national site.

Media:

Elizabeth San Miguel is working on making sure everyone that wants to get the newsletter receives it.

Speakers:

Janis Thornton has speakers lined up for the next several months and welcomes your suggestions for future presentations. Speaker Line-up:

Today – Lois Winston, author of the humorous award-winning and bestselling Anastasia Pollack Crafting Mysteries, Writing Humor in Mysteries.

February – Tony Perona, local member, will talk about writer’s burnout and how to overcome it.

March – Scott Ellsworth, history professor at University of Michigan and NYT bestselling author of five books, most recently “Midnight on the Potomac.” Book signing at MacArthurs Bookstore afterward.

April and May – TBD

June – Larry Sweazy

July – Suggestion was made to invite an AI Panel discussion group, which would include local members Russ Carley and Janet Williams, and authors Reece Hirsch and Doyle Groves. It was also suggested that this be advertised as a webinar on the national site.

September – Lori Rader Day

Old Business

1. Landmark Anthology news:
 - a. Our cover design has been sent back to national for final approval after their change request was addressed.
 - b. Planned events for promotion:
 - i. April 18, 2026, at 2 pm - Launch Party scheduled at MacArthur Books, West Clay, in Carmel.
 - ii. May 9, 2026 – planned participation in book fair at The Author’s Patch in Danville
 - iii. May 16, 2026, from 10 am to 6 pm, & May 17, from 10 am to 4 pm, planned participation at May Fest 2026 at Camp Chesterfield
 1. Motion to purchase a space at the event for \$185 was passed.
 2. Purchase includes a 10’ X 10’ space in the vendor area and 2 name tags/event passes.
2. Hamilton East Public Library Author Fair (to be held April 19 from 1 pm to 4pm at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds): Our application has been sent. No reply yet.

New Business

1. Save the Date: Debut of “The Funeral” movie by Evans and Rhodes is scheduled for April 11, 2026. Planned location is the Phillips Temple. Details coming soon.

2. Comic Con will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center June 5-7, 2026. Diana Catt is recruiting panelists and panel ideas. Please contact her if you are interested.
3. Bouchercon 2026 will be held in Calgary, Canada October 21-25, 2026
4. Bouchercon 2027 will be held in Washington DC
5. Bouchercon 2028 will be held right here in Indianapolis. Diana Catt is looking into promotional items, such as stickers to be distributed at other events.
6. Mo*Con 2026 will be also be held right here in Indianapolis this April 30 – May 3. Diana Catt will check on the possibility of securing a table for the event. It is recommended that you sign up early if you want to attend. Event fills up fast.

Member News

Be sure to let Elizabeth San Miguel know before 2/10 about any news you have to share in the next newsletter.

Russ Carley has finished his latest book, “The AI Assassin.” He hopes to launch it at the Left Coast Crime Conference, held in San Francisco February 26-March 1, 2026. He will be moderating a panel there on Artificial Intelligence.

Bobbi Barmore had a story accepted to be published in the next Purple Aardvark anthology.

Shari Held had a new story featuring her character Nick Alexander accepted for publication in Black Cat Weekly.

The critique group is now meeting on the third Saturday of each month, (the week before the monthly business meeting), so members will be able to attend both events more easily.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Officers for 2025

President: Diana Catt, diana.catt@gmail.com

Vice President: Mary Bischoff, riasnetbook@gmail.com

Secretary: Arianna Grazzianni, grazziarti@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Tony Perona, tony.perona@gmail.com

Membership: Michael Dabney, mbdabney27@yahoo.com

Media: Elizabeth San Miguel, esm.kirlia@gmail.com Speakers: Janis Thornton, janisthor@aol.com