

**Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime**

**Minutes for February 28, 2026**

**Location: Zoom and Westfield Library**

The meeting was called to order by chapter President Diana Catt at 11:02 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting appeared in the February newsletter. Motion by Janet Williams to accept the minutes was seconded by Elizabeth San Miguel. Accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The January report was tabled until this month. Both January and February reports were 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

Ingram-Spark \$ 0.69

**Total Income: \$ 13.86**

Expenses: None

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**ENDING BALANCE: \$ 2,057.26**

Motion by Diana Catt to accept the report was seconded by Janet Williams. Accepted.

**Speed City SinC Treasurer's Report February, 2026 (as of 2/15/2026)**

**Beginning Balance (1/15/2026): \$ 2,057.26**

Income: Ingram Spark \$5.94

**Total Income: \$ 5.94**

Expenses: Gift card for speaker \$25

**Total Expenses: \$ 25.00**

**ENDING BALANCE: \$ 2,038.20**

Motion by Arianna Grazzianni to accept the report was seconded by Elizabeth San Miguel. Accepted.

We do not know when Local dues paid through National will come arrive. Diana CAtt will follow up.

**Membership:** We currently have 40 members.

**Media:** Elizabeth San Miguel believes she has found the problem with newsletter distribution and is working to resolve it.

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

**Today** – Tony Perona, local member, will talk about writer’s burnout

**March** – Scott Ellsworth, history professor at University of Michigan and NYT bestselling author of five books, most recently “Midnight on the Potomac.” He will talk about his book and some new information he discovered regarding the Lincoln assassination, which he calls “America’s greatest true crime story.” Book signing at MacArthurs Bookstore afterward.

**April** – Dave Perry, graphic novel illustrator and storyteller

**May** – Chris Clouser, author, will speak about self-publishing

**June** – Larry Sweazy will present his workshop on finishing our works-in-progress

**July** – (planned) Russ Eberhardt will lead a panel on Artificial Intelligence

**September** – Lori Rader Day, author, will speak on book promotion for shy authors

## **Old Business**

1. Landmark Anthology news:
  - a. We are waiting for approval from National after making two changes they requested.
  - b. Elizabeth San Miguel will send information on how to pre-order your copy.
  - c. QR code is on the book. We will add that to our brochures and other materials.
  - d. Planned events for promotion:

- i. April 18, 2026, at 2 pm - Launch Party scheduled at MacArthur Books, West Clay, in Carmel.
  - ii. April 19, 2026, 1-4 pm - Hamilton County Public Library Book Fair. Volunteers requested to work the table.
  - iii. May 9, 2026—Book fair at The Author’s Patch in Danville. Volunteers requested to work the booth.
  - iv. May 16, 2026, from 10 am to 6 pm, & May 17, from 10 am to 4 pm, May Fest 2026 at Camp Chesterfield. Volunteers requested to work the table.
  - v. Please consider places and/or events where we can promote our new anthology. Forward your suggestions to Diana Catt.
2. Elizabeth San Miguel assigned to add an events calendar to the website.

### **New Business**

1. Save the Date: Debut of “The Funeral” movie by Evans and Rhodes is April 11, 2026, 4 pm at the Phillips Temple (210 E. 34th St.). Tickets are \$20. More info at [grandmothersinc.com/we-re-in-the-movies](http://grandmothersinc.com/we-re-in-the-movies)
2. Comic Con will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center June 5-7, 2026.
  - a. We are sharing a table with Grandmothers Inc. and Dragon’s Edge Press
  - b. Diana Catt is recruiting panelists and panel ideas. Please contact her if you are interested.
3. Bouchercon
  - a. Bouchercon Indy committee will meet at the Kurt Vonnegut Library on May 9
  - b. Bouchercon 2026 will be held in Calgary, Canada October 21-25, 2026
  - c. Bouchercon 2027 will be held in Washington DC
  - d. Bouchercon 2028 will be held in Indianapolis. Diana Catt is looking into promotional items, such as stickers to be distributed at other events.
4. Mo\*Con 2026 will be also be held right here in Indianapolis this April 30 - May 3. It is recommended that you sign up early if you want to attend. Event fills up fast. There are no opportunities for tables/sales at the event.

### **Member News**

Stephen Terrell has several events: a book fair April 18, 1-4 pm at Tippecanoe County Public Library; speaking about his book at the Ball State Alumni Center to the Association of Lifelong Learners on April 7, 1:30 pm; a presentation at the Yorktown Public Library on April 24, 5 pm; and a presentation at the Greenwood Public Library May 16, 10 am.

Stephen also shared that Midwest Writers Workshop is offering a new program this year on self publishing. More info at: <https://www.midwestwriters.org/me-publishing-me-2026/>

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

### **Officers for 2025**

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