

**Speed City Sisters in Crime**  
**Zoom Meeting Remote Access**  
**Sept. 25, 2021**

**11 a.m. – Business Meeting**

**12 – 2 p.m. – J. C. Kinney, Write What You Know With A Twist**

**Call to Order** – Janet Williams

**Minutes** – Ramona Henderson (Motion to accept; all in favor; all opposed)

**Treasurer's Report** – Brigitte Kephart (Motion to accept pending audit)

**Membership** – Elizabeth San Miguel

**Website/Communications/Blog** – Hawthorn Mineart/Carol Paddock

**Programs** – Janis Thornton

**Vice president/marketing** – Carol Paddock

**Welcome to new members and visitors**

**Old Business:**

- 2021 anthology – Books ordered for authors and members plus extras for the chapter. 224 books or seven cartons on order. Cost for authors and members is \$9. Chapter cost is \$5.50 per book.
- First Friday write-in – This will continue the first Friday in October.
- Critique group continues to meet an hour before the regular meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. Send information to Russ Eberhardt.
- Meeting will continue via Zoom through early 2022. Open to suggestions for in-person locations as we await the IRS letter that will make clear we are a nonprofit and therefore eligible to meet at public libraries at no charge. Still waiting to hear from the IRS for an official letter certifying the chapter is a 501C6 organization.
- **November election of officers** -This is an opportunity to play a role in the organization. All positions are open and let Janet Williams know if interested in participating on the nominating committee. All positions are open and Ramona Henderson has served two years as secretary and Janis Thornton has served four years as program chair and both want to step down. Michael Dabney has agreed to chair the nominating committee.
- **New Logo** – Hawthorn Mineart developed a new logo that adapts to all forms of social media. The marketing committee has approved, and we are awaiting approval from national. Will provide updates.
- Prime Crime at the Columbia Club – Event has been postponed until April. We sent letter to organizers of the event requesting that given the issues with past events the organizers have a code of conduct for panelists and attendees and an enforcement mechanism. No response yet.
- Our chapter has applied to participate in the Indianapolis Public Library author fair that falls on Halloween weekend, Oct. 30 – a perfect time for our new anthology. Waiting to hear.
- The Monrovia Branch Library is hosting an Author's Fair on Nov. 27, and we are participating. We will have our own table and be able to sell and promote their books from 10 AM to noon. The event will be followed by a light lunch at 12:30 with the Monrovia Library Writers Group. This is Thanksgiving weekend and we need volunteers.

**New business**

- We are switching to the national Sisters in Crime Zoom account. More details to follow.
- National and local membership dues will need to be paid by the end of the year – that's when they expire but also to get the lower membership rate before dues increase effective Feb. 1, 2022. The national chapter is increasing dues from \$50 to \$60 for professionals and \$40 to \$50 for active. Lifetime memberships will increase to \$600 from \$500.

- Book signing for Trick or Treats – Oct. 23 at Gal’s Guide to the Galaxy, a women’s history library in Noblesville, from 2-4 p.m. We need up to four volunteers for the event.

### **Ongoing updates**

- Retreat committee – We again begin planning a retreat in the new year for later in 2022. Currently Brigitte, Carol, Janet, Janis, Diana and Elizabeth are on the committee and welcome any other members.

### **Member announcements**

### **Future Speakers and Meeting Dates**

- Oct. 23: Andrew W. Huggins, The Art of Revision
- Nov. 27: Open discussion, Zoom social time
- Next Board Business Meeting: Oct. 12 @ 6 p.m.
- Next SinC meeting: Oct. 23 @ 11 a.m.