

**Speed City Sisters in Crime**  
**Zoom Meeting Remote Access**  
**Oct. 23, 2021**

**11 a.m. – Business Meeting**

**12 – 1 p.m. – Andrew W. Huggins, The Art of Revision**

**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 November.
- 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. Also stepping down is Hawthorn Mineart as media chair. Michael Dabney has agreed to chair the nominating committee so please reach out to Michael if you are interested.
- **New Logo** – National has approved the new logos developed by Hawthorn Mineart so they can be adapted to all forms of social media.
- 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.
- Upcoming events and please note where we need volunteers:
  - Gal’s Guide to the Galaxy Library in Noblesville today – Oct. 23 – from 2 to 4 p.m. Carol Paddock has lined up volunteers.
  - **Need volunteers:** Speakeasy bookstore in Danville on Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. is participating in "Scare on the Square" events that night, and Tommy (the owner) has scheduled a fortune teller for his store, and our Trick or Treat authors can sell our books.
  - The 2021 IndyPL Author Fair at the Indianapolis Public Library, main branch, on Saturday, Oct. 30. We will be there from 11 to 3:30 p.m. We have volunteers but please stop by.
  - **Need volunteers:** On Monday, Nov. 1, the Avon Public Library is hosting an author fair and it’s another opportunity to promote our chapter and our work
  - 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 a.m. to noon. The event will be followed by a light lunch at 12:30 with the Monrovia Library Writers Group. This is Thanksgiving weekend.
- 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.

### **New business**

- Our Speed City board met last week and voted to bring a proposal to increase membership dues for the local chapter from \$15 a year to \$20 a year. Most chapters have dues in the range of \$20 to \$25 per year. We would use the money for our in-person meetings, which we hope to resume early in 2022, as well as to help underwrite the cost of a retreat later next year.

### **Ongoing updates**

- Retreat committee – We haven't done much work on this because of the ongoing pandemic but early in the new year we will again begin planning a retreat for later in 2022. Currently Brigitte, Carol, Janet, Janis, Diana and Elizabeth are on the committee and welcome any other members. We are open to ideas for location and activities.

### **Member announcements**

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

- Nov. 27: Open discussion, Zoom social time
- Next Board Business Meeting: Nov. 16 @ 6 p.m.
- Next SinC meeting: Nov. 27 @ 11 a.m.