

Speed City Sisters in Crime Minutes for February 26, 2022

President Janet Williams called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Eighteen members attended by Zoom.

The minutes for January 2022 were approved.

The treasures report was approved. The final balance was \$2972.45.

There are 41 members who have paid chapter dues. Contact Hawthorn Mineart (hawthorn.mineart@gmail.com) if you need to update your status.

Website – Elizabeth San Miguel is learning the tricks! Some website updates have been made and a newsletter (and correction) has been sent.

Program suggestions can be sent to Steve Terrell (hoosierlawyer@gmail.com). Upcoming programs for March (A Conversation with Mary Roach, author of “Stiff” and “Fuzz”) and April (DP Lyle, author of “Forensics for Writers”).

Marketing committee is still looking for volunteers. Contact Carol Paddock (paddockcarol@att.net).

Old Business:

- The member cost for the *Trick or Treats* anthology is \$9.00. Janet Williams has some available (janetw5112@gmail.com).
- The critique group meets at 10 am by Zoom before the regular meeting. Contact Russ Eberhart to join (rceberhart@gmail.com).
- We have received the IRS letter verifying our not-for-profit status which will allow us to meet at libraries for no charge. We hope to start hybrid meetings (in person and Zoom combined) soon.
- Check out the Webinar archives on the National web site: (<https://www.sistersincrime.org/general/custom.asp?page=webinar-archives>). The board watched a webinar on Developing a Strategic Plan which is why a survey was sent out to members. There was a major glitch with Survey Monkey due to unexpected fees, so the survey was resent as a google survey. Sorry for the confusion. Please do the 2nd survey if you have not done so.

Upcoming events:

- We are in the Fishers Library author fair on Sunday, April 10, 2022, 1-5 pm. Diana will attend. Anyone interested, let Janet know (janetw5112@gmail.com).
- Bouchercon is in Minneapolis, MN on September 8th to 11th. Several members plan to attend.
- Prime Crime at Columbia Club, Indianapolis, is October 28-30, 2022. Janet has requested a code of conduct similar to what national SinC requires for them to sponsor an event. We, as a chapter, won't be able to sponsor a table or hold our short fiction contest without such a statement, but individuals can still attend, of course.

New Business:

- The November meeting was moved to the 3rd Saturday due to original schedule falling on Thanksgiving weekend. The date will be November 19th. Please adjust your calendar settings, Steve! The May meeting will remain on the 4th weekend of the month.

- Sisters in Crime (National) is starting an online community. Watch for announcements from them.
- Elwood Chamber of Commerce is again hosting the Author Alley, May 21st, and our SInC chapter gets a booth! (Thanks to Janis Thornton!) Other authors can get a table for \$20. Interested in attending? Contact Janet (janetw5112@gmail.com) for times.
- Sadly, we learned that January's scheduled guest speaker, Andrew Stoner, passed away following an unexpected illness.

Member Announcements:

- Ross Carly's latest novel The Three-Legged Assassin is out.
- Crystal Rhodes will send a link to post on our website for the Butler University broadcast of plays for Black History Month.
- Check our website for a link to Michael Dabney's Fox59 TV's Indy Now interview about his debut novel, "An Untidy Affair."

Next Meeting Date

March 26th, 2022

Guest speaker: Mary Roach