

**Speed City Sisters in Crime**  
**Zoom Meeting Remote Access**  
**March 26, 2022**

**11 a.m. – Business Meeting**

**12 – 1 p.m.** – Mary Roach, the author of *Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War*; *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void*; *Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex*; *Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife*; and *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*. Her writing has appeared in *Outside*, *Wired*, *National Geographic*, and the *New York Times Magazine*, among others.

**Call to Order** – Janet Williams

**Minutes** – Diana Catt

(Motion to accept; all in favor; all opposed)

**Treasurer’s Report** – Brigitte Kephart

(Motion to accept pending audit)

**Membership** – Hawthorn Mineart

**Website/Communications/Blog** – Elizabeth San Miguel

**Programs** – Steve Terrell

**Vice president/marketing** – Carol Paddock

**Welcome to new members and visitors**

**Old Business:**

- Critique group continues to meet an hour before the regular meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. Send information to Russ Eberhardt.
- We have received our letter from the IRS certifying that we are what we said we are – a 501C6 organization eligible to meet at public libraries at no charge. We are looking at meeting in person in the months ahead but will continue on Zoom.
- Events:
  - Hamilton East Public Library Author Fair on **April 10** from 1 to 5 p.m. at FORUM Events Center, 11313 USA Parkway, Fishers, IN 46037. Need volunteers.
  - Elwood Chamber’s annual Home, Health & Garden Show, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **May 21**, will be held outdoors around the fountain in front of the Elwood City Building, located at the corner of South Anderson Street (State Road 13) and South B Street. Need volunteers.
- Strategy update: Survey results
  - Two of the biggest findings – members get value from our monthly programs and really want to get together in person soon.
  - What’s next – we will follow with interviews with some members about our direction.
  - Members are welcome to attend the meetings or join the planning committee. The next one TBD.

**New business**

- Sisters in Crime chapter meeting of chapter leaders was held on March 19 and these were two of the big topics discussed:
  - Sisters in Crime has launched a new online community for members at [sistersincrime.tradewing.com](http://sistersincrime.tradewing.com). It is open to all members and there are groups within the site that members can join. We will walk through it at the meeting. Everyone should have received an invitation to join.

- The national organization has also launched its Equity Project, which is to help us as members to create a more welcoming and open community for all of our members. The first step is encouraging all members to participate in an Equity Project workshop. The first was held last Wednesday and here is a link to register for the second at 7 p.m. on March 30: [Equity Project workshop link](#).

### **Conferences and other activities**

- Bouchercon is meeting this year in Minneapolis from Sept. 8-11. Several of us are planning to attend. Could be fun to have a strong Indiana contingent at this conference. Early registration deadline is passed but there is plenty of time to register.

### **Member announcements**

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

- Next SinC meeting: April 23 @ 11 a.m. with speaker at noon.
- Next SinC speaker: Author D.P. Lyle will talk about forensics—from fingerprint analysis to crime scene reconstruction — how the science works, how it helps in crime solving, and how you as a writer might use this technique in crafting your plot. Dr. Lyle is an Amazon bestselling author and is an award-winning writer of 22 books, both fiction and non-fiction, including the SAMANTHA CODY, DUB WALKER, JAKE LONGLY, and CAIN/HARPER thriller series, and the ROYAL PAINS media tie-in novels.