

Speed City Sisters in Crime Minutes for April 23, 2022

- President Janet Williams called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.
- The minutes for March, 2022 were approved.
- The treasures report was approved. The final balance was \$3280.62.
- There are 44 members who have paid chapter dues. Contact Hawthorn Mineart (hawthorn.mineart@gmail.com) if you need to update your status.
- No website report.
- Programing report, Steve Terrell: Today's guest is DP Lyle, author of "Forensics for Writers". May will be Amy Creider speaking about her experience of working on a novel for 15 years. October and November are still open. Send Steve suggestions at hoosierlawyer@gmail.com
- Marketing committee is still looking for volunteers. Contact Carol Paddock (paddockcarol@att.net). Hawthorn is preparing a chapter press kit, new members kit, and market ourselves to where we've been successful in past- libraries, and book stores. There should be spread sheets in our drop box recording past event locations. Diana and Janet are putting together an event kit.
- Russ is encouraging more to submit to critique group. His contact is rceberhart@gmail.com

Upcoming events:

- Events this month: Author Alley, May 21st 9am-3pm. We have a chapter table at the Author Alley in Ellwood, Janet, Diana, Bridgett, Michael, Ross, and Elizabeth and planning to attend.
- May 30th is National Independent Book Store Day. Michael and Russ will be at a bookstore in Danville
- 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.
- Monrovia Library Author Fair is October 01, 2022. Time TBD.

New Business:

- Beware of writer scam purportedly from Netflix about your story having been chosen for a movie. *They actually tried to scam our very own cyber security expert Russ Eberhart!*
- We want to resume our retreat in 2023. If you'd like to serve on a committee, send your name to Janet janetw5112@gmail.com. We expect the chapter will be able to use our book sale profits to subsidize a portion of the expense. (So, push those sales!)
- Janet Williams put out a call for theme ideas for our next anthology. Also, anyone wishing to get experience as an editor please speak up!
- Check out SinC national website for activities: write-in May 1; lecture on writing query letter to agents on May 24; webinar archives always available.

Member Announcements:

- Michael, Russ, and Diana were interviewed for a podcast "Beyond the Pen" at the Hamilton Author event of 4/10/22. It should be out next week.
- Ross Carly will be at Chapter Two book store in Kokomo at a first Friday event on 8-5-22. The theme is Riddles and Suspense.
- Janice Thornton will launch "The 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes in Indiana," at the Tipton Historical Society on May 7 at 11 am.
- Crystal Rhodes wrote the content for the Keep America Beautiful Award Display at the Indiana State Museum.
- Members receiving 1st place awards from The Indiana Society of Professional Journalism: Janet Williams and co-authors for their article "Indiana Citizen Redistricting Project" published in "The Indiana Citizen," and Keith Royston and co-author for "The Westside Park Murders."

Next Meeting Date

May 28, 2022

Guest speaker: Amy Creider