

Speed City Sisters in Crime
Zoom Meeting Remote Access
April 23, 2022

11 a.m. – Business Meeting

12 – 1 p.m. – 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.

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. In May, we will meet on Zoom because our speaker is from out of town. We are planning an in-person luncheon afterwards -0 one of the biggest takeaways from the survey is how much our members miss getting together in person.
- Events:
 - 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: We will be continuing with the strategy work as we reach out to a sampling of current and former members to gather more in-depth information as we set goals and objectives for our organization.
- Sisters in Crime has launched a new online community for members at sistersincrime.tradewing.com. It is open to all members and there are groups within the site that members can join. It’s a great way to stay connect with Sisters in Crime members in Indiana and beyond.

New business

- Scam alert: Russ Eberhart wants to alert chapter members of a scam in which someone representing themselves as a representative from Netflix wanting to film his material.
- Retreat – we are planning a weekend writing retreat for our members. Looking for volunteers who would like to serve on a retreat planning subcommittee.
- Sisters in Crime upcoming writing-learning events:
 - May 1 – Join Chapter Liaison Kim Garnick Giarratano, Mary Keliikoa and Delia Pitts as they discuss the PI novel, and then write together. Time: 1 p.m. ET
 - May 24 - “Can I Hook You on My Book? Tips for Writing Effective Query Letters to Agents” draws on industry research and interviews with agents to provide current advice about the query letter, which is really a genre all its own. Time: 8 p.m. ET
 - Sisters in Crime also has a great collection of writing resources in its archives and can be accessed here: <https://www.sistersincrime.org/page/webinar-archives>

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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: May 28 @ 11 a.m. with speaker at noon.
- Next SinC speaker: Amy Crider, author and playwright who is based in Chicago. She has published the acclaimed mystery, Disorder, and has had several plays professionally produced.