

Speed City Sisters in Crime
Zoom Meeting Remote Access
May 28, 2022

11 a.m. – Business Meeting

12 – 1 p.m. – Amy Crider, author and playwright based in Chicago. She will speak on "The Persistence of a Writer," something which she knows from her personal experience. Her first novel, *Disorder*, was recently published after a 15-year journey. Grand Master Sara Paretsky termed the book "Riveting." Amy grew up in Sauquoit, New York, and received her BA in Theater from Goddard College, where she also earned an MA in Education. She is a playwright whose work has been seen around the country. Last year she won the Tennessee Williams One Act Play Contest.

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. For the immediate future, we will meet on Zoom because our speaker is from out of town. We are planning an in-person luncheon afterwards on Saturday and will plan for them in the future.
- Opportunities to promote our writing, our anthologies and our chapter:
 - June 4 - Author's Patch bookstore in Lebanon from 5 to 7 p.m. Tony Perona is doing a book signing and Diana Catt will be attending. All members are encouraged to attend and support the chapter and its members.
 - July 1- Possible book signing with Porter Books and Bread at new coffee/breakfast/lunch restaurant opening in Greenfield. Plans are fluid, but looking for members who are interested in attending to promote chapter anthologies
 - August 5 - Chapter 2 Books in Kokomo. Russ Eberhart is coordinating an event and we need volunteers.
 - Mid-to-late October - Wells County Public Library in Bluffton, IN. Steve Terrell is coordinating to set up a panel of chapter members to talk about our anthologies, our writing and the work of our chapter. Looking for volunteers to serve on the panel.
 - Between the Pages Bookstore in Lebanon would like a couple of our authors to attend come to one of their Horror Book Club meetings to talk to the club about horror writing. It meets every third Thursday of the month. Need a couple of members who would be interested to discuss horror writing.
- 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.
- Anthology update: We are in the early stage of planning our next anthology and are looking for volunteers to serve on a committee chaired by Hawthorn Mineart to develop a theme and plan in order to publish in 2023. Also volunteering for the committee so far are Russ Eberhart and Janet Williams. Our goal is to get a plan for the new anthology with a theme and deadlines by early in the summer. We are also in the market for volunteers to serve as editors.

New business

- 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:

- Upcoming webinar: Woo Your Muse, Wednesday, June 1 from 3-4:30 p.m. EDT. **Description:** Do you need the inspiration (and nudge) to start a new project (or finally finish one)? Has your Muse stopped taking your calls? Did the pandemic steal your mojo? We'll go over some practices to help you rediscover inspiration and jumpstart your writing, such as creating and defending a writing schedule, dealing with the inner critic, and "being a better host" to your writing. Suggested exercises and habits will get you back into a heated love affair with your Muse...and your writing practice. And it's free to SinC members.
- 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>

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

Next Program and Meeting Date

- Next SinC meeting: June 25 @ 11 a.m. with speaker panel at noon.
- Next SinC speaker: A panel of accomplished editors will be sharing with chapter members on the craft of editing. The panelists are:
 - **LeeAnna Groves** is a freelance editor. Her passion for helping writers began with her job in the 1980s as a tutor at Ball State University's Writing Center. Later, she earned a master's in Language Education from Indiana University. After teaching elementary and English as a New Language for several years, LeeAnna retired early and pivoted to a freelance lifestyle, including gigs as an English language trainer for an international relocation company and an instructor at a local learning center. She collaborates with writers to hone their craft and has edited several books and short stories for Sisters in Crime members. She and her husband live in Noblesville, with their two grown children nearby in Indianapolis.
 - **Nora Gaskin** is the author of a nonfiction book, *Time of Death: The True Tale of a Quest for Justice in 1960s Chapel Hill*, a mystery novel, based on a true crime, *Until Proven: A Mystery in 2 Parts*, and a suspense novel, *The Worst Thing*. As the founder, editor, and publisher of Lystra Books (an eclectic and growing publisher, based in Chapel Hill, NC), Gaskin has stewarded more than thirty books into publication. She edited *Carolina Crimes: 21 Tales of Need, Greed, and Dirty Deeds*, Triangle SinC's second anthology of stories set in North Carolina and South Carolina. Nora has a bachelor's degree in English with Honors in Creative Writing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in English from the University of Washington. She is a lifelong resident of Chapel Hill, Durham, and Chatham County, North Carolina.
 - **Stephanie Koutek** has more than twenty years of experience as an editor. She has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Indiana University Bloomington, where she completed an editorial internship at the Journal of Women's History. Her areas of expertise include how-to books, job search and career reference information, and pharmaceutical marketing materials. Her first editing job involved reviewing her mom's contributions to the mystery zine DAPA-EM.