

**Speed City Sisters in Crime**  
**Zoom Meeting Remote Access**  
**Sept. 24, 2022**

**11 a.m. – Business Meeting**

**12 – 1 p.m.** – Ashley Luther, a forensic biologist and supervisor for the Indiana State Police Laboratory in Indianapolis, will discuss her work. She conducts casework in serology, DNA, and bloodstain pattern interpretation. She has been with the ISP laboratory for 14 years and was a casework analyst for the Utah State Crime Laboratory for two years prior to hiring on in Indiana. She has testified more than 40 times throughout the state and has completed more than 1,000 cases. She has presented at several conferences and trainings across the country and is the current training coordinator for the Indiana State Police Laboratory. In 2020, she was selected as the Forensic Scientist of the Year for the Indiana State Police.

**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:**

- Reminder: Critique group continues to meet an hour before the regular meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. Send information to Russ Eberhardt.
- We are planning our transition to hybrid meetings – a combination of in-person and Zoom – at our November meeting. Location to be announced.
- Opportunities to promote our writing, our anthologies and our chapter:
  - Sept. 24: 10 am-1 pm: Booking signing at the new Trio Restaurant in Greenfield. Russ Eberhardt and Jon Burroughs planning to attend.
  - Oct. 1: 10 am-12 pm book signing at Monrovia Library Branch Author Fair. Diana Catt is coordinating. Need volunteers.
  - Oct. 20: Panel discussion and book signing at Bluffton Branch of Wells County Public Library in Bluffton. Steve Terrell is coordinating. Steve, Carol, Russ, Michael, and Janet planning to attend.
  - Nov. 5: 11 am to 4 pm book signing at Avon-Washington Public Library
  - Dec. 3: Holiday Author Fair. Application for the Holiday Author Fair has been submitted. We haven’t heard one way or the other.
- A panel discussion and book signing is in the works for Between the Pages bookstore in Lebanon.
- Ideas for future signings or events please communicate that to either Janet Williams, Carol Paddock or anyone serving on the Speed City board.
- Anthology update: Hawthorn Mineart chairs the committee and will update members

**New business**

- We will elect new officers in November and all positions are open. If you are interested, please contact Michael Dabney or Lilly Evans who are on the nominating committee. If you want to serve on the nominating committee, contact either of them.
- NANO WRIMO: Sisters in Crime is sponsoring write-ins during National Novel Writing Month in November. Look for details on the Sisters in Crime website.

- Speed City Sisters in Crime celebrates 20 years and in addition to an anthology, we need to begin planning for special events and activities to celebrate and promote our chapter. We need volunteers who are willing to help plan and coordinate.
- Retreat – we are planning a weekend writing retreat in 2024 to coincide with our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chapter for our members. Looking for volunteers who would like to serve on a retreat planning subcommittee.
- 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>

### **Member announcements**

### **Next Program and Meeting Date**

- Next SinC meeting: Oct. 22 @ 11 a.m. with speaker Elaine Munsch from the Louisville Sisters in Crime Chapter Derby Rotten Scoundrels who will speak about “A Brief History of Women Crime Writers” at noon.
- Next SinC speaker: To be announced