

Speed City Sisters in Crime
Zoom Meeting Remote Access
Oct. 22, 2022

11 a.m. – Business Meeting

12 – 1 p.m. – Elaine Munsch: A Brief History of Women Crime Writers -- Elaine Munsch is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, but has spent her adult life in Louisville, Kentucky. She graduated from Nazareth College of Kentucky located outside of Bardstown and attended The Ohio State University for her graduate work. She has been a bookseller for fifty years working in both large and small, chain and independent. She opened the first Barnes & Noble in Kentucky where she set up a mystery reading group which is still active today. She also taught classes in the mystery genre for the Veritas Society and joined the local chapter of Sisters in Crime. With Susan Bell, she co-edited MYSTERY WITH A SPLASH OF BOURBON, an anthology of bourbon related stories. As E.M. Munsch, she writes the Dash Hammond series set on the shores of Lake Erie. The latest title, A HAUNTING AT MARIANWOOD, is set to be released at the end of October.

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:
 - Nov. 5: 11 am to 4 pm book signing at Avon-Washington Public Library.
- 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 20th 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>
- Since our Speed City SinC chapter is no longer participating in events like Prime Crime because of the lack of a code of conduct, we have begun discussing a sponsorship at the Midwest Writers Workshop next summer.

Member announcements

Next Program and Meeting Date

- Next SinC meeting: Nov. 19 @ 11 a.m. followed by updates from members on what they are working on. This will be a hybrid meeting with a physical location to be announced.