

## **Speed City minutes June 24, 2023**

Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes from May meeting. Crystal Rhodes moved to approve, and Jon Burroughs seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: Brigitte Kephart reported that started the period with \$3,183.14; \$449.40 expenditures; \$100 spent for gift cards for speakers; total: \$3,532.25. One check of \$68.84 from Between the Pages bookstore in Lebanon. Moved by Elizabeth San Miguel and seconded by Ramona Henderson to approve pending audit. Passed unanimously.

Membership Committee: No report

Website: Elizabeth San Miguel reported that she is keeping the website up to date though it has been challenging. She also sent out the monthly newsletter. Those who are not getting the newsletter are advised to email Diana Catt at [diana.catt@gmail.com](mailto:diana.catt@gmail.com)

Speakers: Steve Terrell reported that the speaker for the day cancelled because of illness, and he will try to reschedule. July meeting will be a panel on artificial intelligence with Russ Eberhart and others leading the discussion. Steve reported that September is open.

### **Old Business**

Speed City retreat in 2024

- Planning committee for retreat in 2024 is being reconstituted. Crystal Rhodes checked out Bradford Woods, where we have had retreats in the past. Committee members are Elizabeth San Miguel, Crystal Rhodes, and Janet Williams. Next step is to schedule a planning meeting.

Amber Waves of Graves

- Deadlines have been revised by the anthology committee and are on the chapter website and in the last newsletter (details included at the end of the minutes.)
- Editors Lillie Evans, Tony Perona and Steve Terrell have contacted those who will be included in the anthology. Contacts are being returned to Diana who is verifying that the people to be included are members of Speed City and the national Sisters In Crime.
- The option 2 book cover was chosen by chapter members by a 14-11 vote.
- Diana suggested we hold a launch party for the book that will coincide with the chapter's Nov. 18 meeting. That is also the date new officers are elected.

Critique Group

Members of the critique group, led by Russ Eberhardt, will meet at 9 a.m. Zoom only on the day of the chapter's regular monthly meetings. This is changed from the 10 a.m. start time.

Midwest Writers Workshop

The Midwest Writer's Workshop is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Speed City will be a sponsor to the tune of \$2,000, which includes a full-page ad in the program. Members who attend will sponsor a flash fiction writing contest and Janet Williams has volunteered to work on a writing prompt. The event takes place the weekend of July 19-22.

Deadbeat

There were discussions around marketing a play written by Lillie Evans and Crystal Rhodes with Deadbeat, which was written by Speed City chapter members. Diana has the contracts and needs to sign them.

### New Business

- Speed City Sisters in Crime celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 and members have decided to write another play for the Indy Fringe Festival. Writing is under way.
- In addition to Janet and Diana, Ramona Henderson, Crystal Rhodes, Elizabeth San Miguel and Carol have indicated they are interested.

### Upcoming events

- There will be a book signing Aug. 12 at the Author's Patch in Danville
- Monrovia Library Author Fair Save the date! **October 7, 2023** will be the third annual MCPL Author Fair! This event takes place from 2-5 PM at the Monrovia Branch of the Morgan County Public Library, located at 145 S Chestnut Street, Monrovia, IN 46157. The MCPL Author Fair is FREE to participate in, but space is limited. Interested authors can apply for a spot between now and August 12, 2023. Selected Authors will be notified by August 25.
- Book signing Nov. 16 at the Author's Patch in Danville with members preparing recipes from Homicide for the Holidays. That will be from 5-8 p.m.

### Announcements

- Russ Eberhart has a busy schedule ahead with his presence at Killer Nashville in late August. He is doing panels on artificial intelligence, the use of computational intelligence and are we already at cyber war.
- Speed City member Crystal Rhodes is featured in featured in an online magazine, Indy Mavens, in an issue that features eight local romance writers. Here is a link to the magazine: <https://indymaven.com/articles/8-summer-reads-from-local-indianapolis-authors/>
- John Allen is one of five finalists in the Imaginarium 2023 Michael Knost Award. The Michael Knost Wings Award reflects the enthusiastic dedication and support of the writing community given by the person that this award is named after: Michael Knost.

Michael Dabney moved, and Elizabeth San Miguel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Extras:

### Chapter address

- Speed City Sisters in Crime
- P.O. Box 133
- Indianapolis, IN 46206-0133

Future 2023 meeting locations, which will also be on Zoom:

- **Saturday 26 August 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Irvington Public Library (5625 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN)
- **Saturday 23 September 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Beech Grove Public Library (1102 Main St, Beech Grove, IN)
- **Saturday 28 October 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Beech Grove Public Library (1102 Main St, Beech Grove, IN)

- **Saturday 18 November 2023 [THIRD SATURDAY]** 10:00am-2:00pm Lawrence Public Library (7898 Hague Rd, Indianapolis, IN)

### **Anthology update: Amber Waves of Graves**

- Editors: Lillie Evans, Tony Perona and Stephen Terrell
- Theme: Rural settings, country graveyards and small-town life in Indiana can be beautiful. And deadly.
- Number of stories in book will depend on the length of those accepted.
- To be released November 2023, self-published by the Chapter

### **Submission/Publication Timeline (Updated)**

- July 31, 2023: Editors final review. Book Cover selected & sent to national for approval.
- September 20, 2023: Formatting, proofing, approvals from national, printing
- November 15, 2023: Publication Date