

**Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime  
Minutes for Saturday July 29, 2023**

Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Janet Willams who ran the meeting because Diana could not make it to the meeting due to a power outage. Elizabeth San Miguel attempted to take minutes.

Minutes from May meeting. MB Dabney moved to approve, and Lillie Evans seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Brigitte Kephart reported that beginning balance of 3532.25.

No dues.

\$73.36 for book sales.

Total Income of \$73.36.

No expenses.

Ending balance of \$3605.61.

Moved by Elizabeth San Miguel and seconded by Mary Bischoff to approve pending audit. Passed unanimously.

Membership: No Report

Website: Newsletter updated and sent out.

Speakers: Steve Terrell reported on who the speakers will be for the rest of the year.

August speaker is Sgt. Lance Dardeen who was rescheduled from June 2023.

September speaker is Deb Lambert. Director of collections for Indianapolis Public Libraries. Will speak about digital life of libraries. How libraries select books for collection. Also, on recent controversies with banned books.

October speaker will be Lori Rader-Day. Will probably change location to Carmel library. May need to change the date as well.

November speaker will be Leslie Bundewitz who is past president of national Sisters in Crime.

Retreat Committee: Have not had a chance to meet recently.

Amber Waves of Graves: All stories have gone through initial edit. Elizabeth San Miguel will try to lay out book with help from Hawthorn if he is able. Mary Bischoff and Bobbi Baremore have not heard about final acceptance of their stories. Elizabeth San Miguel will send all bios she has collected to editors again. Once laid out, proof copies will be sent to editors. Review of proofs by 9/20/2023.

Midwest Writers Workshop previous week. We had a flash fiction contest with a lot of entries. Ended up with a first and second place winner. JR Jamison was first and will get an anthology of his choice and membership for next year. Kate Michaelson came in second.

Playwriting group is still meeting. Next meeting set for Monday 14 August 2023 at Janet's house. The new play is called "The Catfish Seat". The last play written "Deadbeat" was performed as part of Indy

Fringe in 2018. We are hoping to produce the new play for the 2024 Indy Fringe. Any members are invited to join.

### Upcoming events

- There will be a book signing Aug. 12 at the Author's Patch in Danville
- Killer Nashville on Aug 12- Aug 20. Russ will attend and is up for awards.
- 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.
- Indy Public Library Author Fair. Chapter will do 2 panels. Tony Perona is coordinating.
- 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.
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### New Business

Diana Catt and Russ Ebarhart are both going to Bouchercon this fall in San Diego. Both will be on panels.

Diana Catt and Brian Sweany are hoping to bring Bouchercon to Indianapolis in 2028.

### Member News

MB Dabney's latest novel Deadly Game will come out in September. Book launch also in September.

We were disconnected from Zoom meeting. Then after we got back on:

John F. Allen was Imaginarium Runner-Up. He is currently teaching at Indy PL and Writer's Center. Novella will be released this fall.

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

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) – Will probably move**
- **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