

Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime

Minutes for Saturday, April 27, 2024

Location: **Zoom and Indianapolis Public Library, Beech Grove branch**

The meeting was called to order by chapter President Diana Catt at 11:08 a.m.

Minutes: The March 2024 minutes were approved on a motion by Diana and a second by Brigitte Kephart.

Treasurer's Report: Brigitte reported an opening balance of \$4,513.89, with income of \$211.38 and expenses of \$41.72, for an ending balance of \$4,683.55. On a motion by Jon Burroughs and seconded by Michael Dabney, the report was approved.

Membership: Elizabeth San Miguel the chapter has 51 members who have paid national dues but only 38 who have paid local dues. She would send out emails reminders to those who haven't paid.

Media: John F. Allen was out of town and there was no media report in April.

Speakers: Janis Thornton reports that our April speaker is J. R. Jamison, the author of Hillbilly Queen, who will discuss his writing journey.

The May speaker is Muncie historian and Ball State professor Chris Flook, who will talk about his new book, "Indianapolis Grave Robbing: A Syndicate of Death."

The June speaker is Michigan-based nonfiction writer Jane Simon Ammeson, who will tell us about her first vintage true crime book, which she wrote in 2015, after she discovered the murder victim had a connection to her family.

The July, the chapter will welcome back Ray Boomhower. His newest book, a bio on news photographer Malcolm Brown, was recently released,

In August, we will have Brent Bill, a photographer, writing coach, Quaker minister, and author of at least 25 books and 100-plus short stories and articles. He will talk about writing from the heart.

Old Business

1, The chapter will sponsor a writing retreat in May 2025 at the Waycross Camp and Conference Center in Morgantown, Indiana. More details from the conference committee in are forthcoming, as well as requests for volunteers for various tasks.

2, The chapter's sponsorship for the Midwest Writers Workshop includes six member discounts, who are to send their money to Brigitte.

3, The chapter's next anthology will feature Indiana landmarks. The pub date is expected to be in 2026. The editors, Brigitte, Michael and Janet Williams, hope to get guidelines out to members in the next month.

New Business

Future meetings will again be at the Beech Grove public library, except for the May meeting which will be in the clubhouse at Lion's Gate condo complex at 8686 Jaffa Court West Dr., in Indianapolis. (It is the same location where the chapter met last May.) It is on the northwest corner of 86th and Meridian streets. Instructions for getting past the gate will be sent prior to the meeting on Saturday, May 25. It will be a hybrid meeting.

Coming book signings and events:

June 1, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Authors Patch in Danville

June 8 at MacAuthor Books. Time TBD

June 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bartholomew County Public Library in Columbus. It is an adult education program.

July 11-13, MWW in Muncie. The chapter will once again host a flash fiction contest.

Aug 11, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bloomington Library. Diana, Russ, Janis, and Steve Terrell are attending.

Aug 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Crawfordsville Author Fair. Brigitte and Diana are attending and will need someone conduct the chapter's meeting that day.

Aug 22-25, 2024 Killer Nashville

Aug 28-Sept. 1, Bouchercon, also in Nashville

Oct 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Morgan County Public Library, Martinsville.

Member News

Steve will have an event on Aug. 10, at the State Library on his upcoming book, "Murder in the Family Tree." Pub date is Oct. 22. The event is free but registration is required.

Russ's newest book, The Pro Bono Assassin, should be published in the next month.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.