

Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime
Minutes for Saturday, June 22, 2024
Location: **Zoom and Beech Grove Public Library, Indianapolis**

The meeting was called to order by chapter Vice President Janet Williams at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes: The May 2024 minutes were approved on a motion by Elizabeth San Miguel and a seconded by John F. Allen.

Treasurer's Report: Brigitte Kephart reported an opening balance of \$5,577.44, \$233.80 expenses of \$4,092.25 (including an erroneous deduction of \$2,000 by the Midwest Writers Workshop that would be returned by July), for an ending balance of \$1,718.99. On a motion by Jon Burroughs and Elizabeth, the report was approved.

Membership: Elizabeth says the chapter has 42 local and national members in good standing. There are 10 who are national members but not local member. They will be removed from local rolls but will still get the newsletter.

Media: John said there we nothing much to update but planned to report to the board in the coming month regarding the newsletter and website, and costs to update the system.

Speakers: Janis Thornton reports the June speaker is Michigan-based nonfiction writer Jane Simon Ammeson, who will discuss 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.

Currently, there is no speaker lined up for September, but Steve Terrell will be the speaker in October to talk about his new book, and Crystal Rhodes and Lillie Evans will be the speakers in November.

Old Business

1, Janet reported the chapter is sponsoring a writing retreat on May 2-3, 2025, at the Waycross Camp and Conference Center in Morgantown, Indiana. The committee consisting of Janet, Crystal, and Elizabeth are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should contact the board or someone on the committee. Others who have volunteered are Diana and John. No rates for the retreat have been set but meals will be included. Lori Rader-Day is expected to attend as a guest speaker on creative writing.

2, The chapter's next anthology will feature Indiana landmarks. The guidelines have gone up on the chapter's website. John suggested a possible title of People, Places and Murder. The pub date is expected to be in 2026. The editors are Brigitte, Janet, and Michael Dabney.

3, The chapter will need to come up with a theme for the flash fiction contest for the Midwest Writers Workshop in Muncie during the second weekend in July.

New Business

There was no new business.

News

[Lew Wallace Hoosier Author Fair - General Lew Wallace Study & Museum \(ben-hur.com\)](http://ben-hur.com)

The author fair will be on Nov. 30, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Crawfordsville.

The Celebration of Life of local author Dan Wakefield will be July 6, at the White River Yacht Club, 1400 E. 74th Street.

Member News

Jon's newest novel, Karma and Crisis, is ready for publication.

Lillie and Crystal are up an award in Florida for their book (whose title I didn't get.)

Steve will have an event on Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the State Library on his upcoming book, "Murder in the Family Tree." Publication date is Oct. 22. The publisher is Kent State University Press. The event is free but registration is required.

Coming book signings and events:

July 11-13, MWW in Muncie.

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

Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Crawfordsville Author Fair and the chapter will have a table.

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.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.