

Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime

Minutes for Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024

Location: Zoom and Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St., Carmel

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

Minutes: No July minutes were presented but will be presented and voted on next month.

Treasurer's Report: Brigitte Kephart reported an opening balance of \$3,770.76. Income was \$155.67 and expenses of \$155, leaving an ending balance of \$3,771.33. On a motion by Jon Burroughs and seconded by Elizabeth San Miguel, the report was approved.

Membership: Elizabeth reported there were no changes in membership in the past month.

Media: John F. Allen reported there were no changes, although was still ongoing on the email distribution.

Speakers: Brent Bill, a photographer, writing coach, Quaker minister, and author of at least 25 books and 100-plus short stories and articles, is our speaker in August.

John F. Allen is the speaker in September and will discuss the elements of fiction writing. Steve Terrell is the speaker in October and will discuss his newest book, and Crystal Rhodes and Lillie Evans are the speakers in November.

Old Business

1, The writing retreat is next May 2-4. The Waycross Camp and Conference Center in Morgantown, Indiana, is making available 32 rooms. A single room is \$350, and a double is \$280, including meals. The chapter needs at least 12 people to attend when a contract is signed in January and a 20 percent deposit will be required. The chapter also hopes to subsidize some of those costs and the chapter is looking into a commuter rate.

The committee currently consists of Carol, Diana, John, Crystal, and Elizabeth. More volunteers will be needed.

2, The chapter's next anthology will feature Indiana landmarks. The guidelines are on the chapter's website and the deadline for submissions is Nov. 20, 2024. An email for voting on a title will be sent out for a vote in September. Artwork for possible submission is due by Dec. 31.

New Business

The chapter will elect 2025 officers in November. The chapter needs a There was no new nominating committee to select candidates for the seven officers on the chapter's board.

News

Crystal Rhodes will have a talk back, Signs of the Times, on Sept. 15, at 4 p.m., at the Freedom Village at Phoenix Theater.

John F. will be teaching classes on Afro-Futurism from 10-12:30 p.m., at the Lawrence branch of the public library on Aug. 31, and at the Fort Benjamin branch on Sept. 3.

Coming book signings and events:

Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Crawfordsville Author Fair and the chapter will have a table.
Aug. 22-25, 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.

2024 Officers/Board Members

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Speakers, Janis Thornton: janisthor@aol.com

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.