# Location: Zoom

11:00 a.m. -- Business meeting open to all

Call to Order – Diana Catt Minutes – Michael Dabney Treasurer's Report – Brigitte Kephart Membership Committee – Elizabeth San Miguel Media update – John Allen Speakers – Janis Thornton Event Coordinator – Russ Eberhart

## **Old Business**

- Speed City SinC writers' retreat Janet, any new info?
- Critique Group Bobbie? (can add extra critique group meeting if needed)
- Pay out for anthologies

#### **New Business**

## **Board January Meeting Decisions**

- Currently giving Moni Draper honorary membership for her service as our chapter lawyer. Board voted unanimously to also give Brend Stewart honorary membership as our chapter founder.
- Event Planning: we hope to establish relationships with small book stores such as we already have with Between the Pages and Authors Patch. At these locations they shelve our books and also host regular signing events. Think of quarterly events around holidays, cons, invitation to author fairs (IPL, Monrovia Library, Hamilton Co, Stark County Library (Janis)
- Marketing Committee Janet, ESM, John for dual purpose: educate world about our organization and attract new membership drive (especially younger crowd so we continue to exist us oldies can't go on forever!)
- Never too soon to plan next anthology. We discussed planning two back to back. Ideas include Indiana Landmark Murders and Romance and Other Dangers
- Is there be any interest in restablishing a Book Club?
- New chapter address:
  - We are not continuing the PO Box due to cost. We will use Brigitte's address or my address for anything that needs to be mailed to us. Check our website
- Future Meeting locations: February meeting will be at Beech Grove if water damage has been fixed. May location is to be determined. All meetings will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month

## Member News?

*Speaker Noon -1 pm*: Tim Byers will discuss his journey into writing historical fiction and how it changed his life.

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