

Minutes of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, LASFS meeting #4533

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:03 pm at the unusual in-person location of the Czech Consulate. Since this consulate is on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of a building, that makes it Czech airspace above U.S. soil, a matter for confused consideration.

As the old scribe wasn't there, and the new scribe hadn't expected to be scribing, Eylat whipped out a handy electronic device to record the meeting. The resulting transcription was interesting, but not always clear, so this set of minutes may include technical veeblefetzers.

### **Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings:**

The birthdays of actor Ken Marshall, director J. J. Abrams and author James P. Hogan were celebrated. This was the anniversary of the movie Destination Moon. Sadly, the passing of character actor Bill Cobbs was noted, at the age of 90.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not read

Welcoming of guests by registrar:

The wives of two of our members were in attendance, Derek's wife Alli and Tad's wife Kitty, along with a person probably named Adam. Technically, our host and his assistant at the consulate were guests, so for once we were hosted by a guest.

Patron Saint: Alan Frisbie, the Sacred Flying Disc of the club. Members mentioned some of his interests and exploits, most of which were legal, and he was given three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

Board of Directors: Next meeting will be on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Elayne reported on the progress toward purchasing a new clubhouse. After we walked away from purchasing the property in Reseda that we had made an offer on, the owner came back to us with a "pretty please" offer to pay for the inspections if we would come back to the table, and we are now in escrow. If the property passes the inspections and clears escrow, LASFS will own a property which contains a house slightly older than the club, with a large secondary building on the property, similar to the old clubhouse buildings on Burbank, but with more total space. So, be prepared to donate money for fix-up and furniture, and be prepared to donate time for the fix-up and move-in stuff that will have to happen, but none of that can happen just yet.

Loscon will be having a cosplay competition, and Krystal has LosCon pins for sale. Fans who knit or do other forms of needlework are encouraged to make hats for our selected charity, the American Cancer Society, because people who undergo chemotherapy often lose their hair, and wearing a fun hat can help them cheer up. The con will also host the return of the High Tea and the Maker's Room.

Programming

Fannish wellness: no updates

Old Business

New Business

Timebound announcements:

There would be a book festival at the Wende Museum in Culver City to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, and LASFS would have a table there. The museum owns over 100,000 artifacts related to the Cold War period, and its name is a colloquial German term for “turning point.” The book festival would be outdoors, and at this point the transcription software got the scribe very confused by explaining that cats and sunscreen would both be needed. When queried, it went off in a huff, complaining that LASFS members need to learn to say their consonants better. Seriously, though, thanks to Eylat for the transcription, but really, you people need to learn to talk in a machine-readable voice.

Program: Our host, the consul general for the Republic of Czechia at the Los Angeles consulate, welcomed us with a little bit of history and context about science fiction and fandom in their country, and then we got to see the film *Restore Point*, which was amazing considering its low budget, and Larry Niven greatly praised the quality of the film’s world-building. We are otherwise sworn to secrecy about this must-see film that the rest of you can’t see yet unless you already saw it at last year’s LosCon, so neener-neener. However, it may turn up in film festivals, so keep watching the screens, and listening to the time-bound announcements.

Science report

Regular announcements

Reviews

Miscellaneous