

LASFS Meeting #4455

Dec 29, 2022

Called to order at 8pm

Michelle Special order of business:

Request of the membership, has anyone heard from Greg Barrett?

Group reply that no one had, and a request to Kristine Cherry to check in with Harold Goldstein who had been helping him in the past. If anyone hears anything, please let Michelle know.

Matthew Special order of business:

I am sorry to say, a few days ago, I received an email from Steven Bilan that his brother Greg Bilan passed away. The "Nice Klingon", helpful member at the club when he lived in Los Angeles. He was ill and had moved to the Bay area a bit ago, and succumbed to his illness.

Nick:

Passings

Stephen Grief Actor

Birthday

Bernard Cribbins Actor

John Newton Actor

Media: Dec 29, 1967 was the first showing of the Trouble with Tribbles by David Gerrold
First screening of fantasy movie, Black Oxen 1923, released in Los Angeles.

Reading the minutes, corrected, bid to name the minutes \$15 by Eylat "Thank you Krystal Rains for doing such a lovely job doing the minutes for the last six months, the club appreciates you, you've done a great job. We welcome Heath Row to start as scribe in the new year."
Approved as corrected and named.

Spot of Honor, CLJII. CLJII Presentations, the presenter of CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices,
Bid to name the spot of honor for next month will not be held, as Charles will not be available in January to host it.

Registrar, Eylat

Jesse Campbell. Welcome, how did you hear about us? He has attended Loscon since 1995 and been a member of the Facebook group since 2010. I heard about Greg and I am here to learn more.

Marty shares about our Patron Saints, who are our generous donors who have chosen a night of the year to be honored. We say nice things about them.

Patron Saints:

Marty Cantor:

Eylat: I used to think that Marty was mean and a grouch and I don't think that anymore. He tries to portray himself that way. He has done a lot for the club, kept up the newsletter, De Profundis, and the APA-L's together for many years. Past Scribe for Board of Directors. He has given this club a lot of his time.

Nick: I've known Marty for many years both as a gamer and in the fanzine community. Many

might not know that he corresponds with many folks around the world in connection with fanzines. Many internet conversations about fandom. He is delightful to know and I treasure his friendship.

Lee: I remember in the late 70's I was always happy to read his column in APA-L and he made the previous month's issue more interesting because of his comments on it.

Barbara: Very helpful to fans with his work with fanzines. He also helped other fans get to fanzine events. Great taste in music, one of the only friends who has come to my concerts. He lost his sparing partner in Karl, so now he seems very sweet.

Chris: Marty has been a wonderful reliable member of the club since before I joined.

Heath: I am here, in part because of John Hertz and Marty Cantor. I first met John at a Lunacon in New York state in the mid 2000s, and when I moved to LA, I came to the LASFS to meet Marty and see the library of APA-L, help collate a distribution. Marty is largely why I am here. Thank you, Marty, for welcoming me and introducing me to such a great group of people.

Lynn: shared the University of Arizona fight song, since Marty is an alumni,
Bear Down, Arizona
Bear Down, red and Blue
Bear Down, Arizona
I will always fight for you.

Matthew. I have been delighted to be Marty's friend since the mid-1970's. I echo what others have said about Marty putting on the airs of a curmudgeon, but being a helpful, knowledgeable and friendly person.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Marty Cantor a rubber thumb tip

Robbie Bourget

Chris: Robbie is a wonderful person who has played the curmudgeon as well. I have enjoyed working with her at convention and I believe she signed my LASFS membership card in the 1980's.

Cathy I met Robbie through Gallifrey and Time Meddlers, I've worked with Robbie on many things. She is a great person, she can have a rough exterior but a sweetheart underneath and I look forward to seeing her in February.

Matthew I have many things I could praise Robbie for, but a view one part about her personality. When the Addams family movie came out, she saw it, enjoyed it so much she went and saw it again and she put an open invitation to her friends who wanted to see it with her, you could pick a time and she would meet you. So that is how I went to see the movie. It was pointed out that if you look at the plot of the movie from Uncle Fester's point of view, it is the story of an outsider who finds a group of outsiders and finds that together they are family. There is no better explanation of the fannish experience than that. Thank you Robbie for that and all your work on conventions. I look forward to seeing her at next year's Loscon.

Marty: I met Robbie and she met me, at the '82 Worldcon in Chicago, it was sort of a mutual love at first sight, which was a surprise to me, as I was 46 and had been single up to that point. After the con she went back to Canada, I came back to LA. I had just enough cash to bring her out here and we got married, we got married for 10 years and were mostly happy and it was a not a nasty parting of the ways, I get to see her once in a while, when I make it to Loscon. I was happy there was nothing much to correct tonight. Thank you everyone for everyone being correct about Robbie, she is a nice person and I like her very much.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Robbie Bourget

Elayne Pelz

Cathy: A really great person, I love her alot. If you need to have someone keep track of handling the money for a convention or other endeavor she is great. She puts in a lot of work for a lot of organizations. I have known her for a long time. She is super professional about getting back to you and is a great person.

Eylat: I agree with Cathy, but will add that she doesn't put up with alot of bull, just ask a question, be direct, no wishy washy. Just ask the question and she will get back to you in a timely fashion. She is very professional

Nick: Elayne has convinced me that she is the most accurately organized person in fandom. She gets it right the first time, and does not have to re-do things. It is complete and accurate and why she can help so many organizations. I regard her highly. She will be impossible to replace in the future.

Chris: Elayne is incredible She is involved with many organizations and she gets the job done. If she is involved it will not suck. I have seen her at events a few miles away or hundreds or a thousand miles away and she gets the job done.

Charles: She has a lot of assorted interests. She loves to travel, but does not like to travel alone. Many places around the countries and around the world. She and her late husband Bruce, were the center of the solar system of gatherings of people who would go visit various locations and events together, like the county fair. When Bruce passed away that kind of broke up. At one point Elayne asked if I would like to join her at the county fair and we attended often and to various other fairs around the area. She also likes Disneyland and asked if she got a pass, would I go with her when she wanted to go. She is a congenial companion. At the county fair she has entered a variety of needlework and has won some awards. We have lots to talk about. Hip Hip Hooray for Elayne

Kristine Cherry: Being a person who has to hit her up for money for the Loscon Blood Drive, Dennis and I appreciate her. A newfound respect for her during the arduous transfer of domain and hosting of the websites she was good to work with, patient and helpful. Just be clear and direct, she is a pretty awesome person.

Matthew: I can only endorse what other people have said about Elayne as a friend, a person who gets things done, and a con-runner. When people compliment me on running Loscon 46, I

quickly tell them that the con was run by Elayne, Robbie and Joyce Lloyd, I just chaired it. Without the competence of Elayne and the others Loscon would not be as good or as fun as it is.

Marty: When I decided to run a Corfu, the fanzine fans con, the first person I approached to be on the con-com was Elayne for treasurer and to find a hotel. Always the first person you want, especially for treasurer, but she can do anything really. Any problems and she will handle them. Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Elayne Pelz “and pay your dues”

Treasurer's Report: Debra: Pay your dues! \$4 a meeting, \$12 a month, \$135 a year to be paid by March.

Website report: Kristine Cherry
Thursday night guests are updated on the calendar
Occasionally the website glitches, if you see that please let me know.
Evan's Freehafer page is up, next :History vaults of LASFS in process.

Loscon 48 report, Nick None.
Loscon 49 report Michelle no report

Board of Directors Jan 15th/ Mar 11 Zoom at 11am
Marketing no report

Programming
January 12: Brandi June, author
January 26 Tim Powers, author
February 2: David Brin, author
February 23: Craig Miller, author
March 2: Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presents a program about the art of her late husband, Kelly Freas.
March 23 Kristen Renee Gorlitz demo on VR

New Business None
Old Business None

Timebound Announcements:
Marty: Can no longer maintain the Patron Saints tracking.

Krystal: Suggested that someone explain the procedures for submitting an Item of New Business for the meeting. Must be submitted in writing (email is acceptable) to the President before the meeting to be on the agenda. That we do not do that in the midst of the meeting.

Eylat: I am happy to do the Patron Saint tracking.

Nick: Movie showings for the coming weekend

Moment of Science

Tom: Today in Science

Georg August Schweinfurth: German Botanist

Charles Goodyear: American Inventor

Charles Macintosh: Scottish Chemist and Inventor

Lee: I was reading a report about a development in what they call “whispering chamber infrared sensors”. They bounce the infrared around inside to get a better look at it, using long wave, which are further from visible light. A better frequency for getting the texture of small molecules. It is used for trace analysis of the environment. This is smaller than anything they have had before. Looking at something you can mount by your bed to get information about your health. Concerns about a new generation of wifi that uses radio waves. With two together it is not secure and a lot of personal details, but would be interesting in a hospital environment.

Regular Announcement.

Eylat: Saturday Jan 14th, at Karl’s second storage unit, we will be counted, sorted and inventoried and can be disbursed. At the Public Storage in Tarzana. I need assistance.

Chris: The anniversary of George Mulligan covid diagnosis. He might be going home in the March timeframe, his physical therapy has had a setback.

Michelle, I will be moving to Vegas. I will be having a truck loading party on Friday Jan 27th.

Reviews

Tom: I recommend the next DVD in the DC Universe film series, Battle of the Super Sons. The two featured characters are the sons of Superman and the son of Batman.

And my announcement is that my wife Anna has lost 85lbs! Well done Anna

Eylat: A silly review of Matthew hosting these online meetings. That he has done a great job of hosting these online meetings that started during the covid lockdown. Let’s do LASFS on Zoom. Matthew you have done a great job and we appreciate you.

A review of Krystal Rains as scribe, because I have actually enjoyed her minutes because they were precise, to the point and quick. Thank you Krystal for your service.

Matthew mentioned that the idea for doing the zoom meetings came from Steven Barnes with the technical support of Susan Fox.

Susan Fox: I would like to propose three cheers for our outgoing officers

Matthew, what can I say? Too much, that is what I could say.

Gavin: our moment for the humanities

“Once he, in the presidential race, his hat threw

And triumphed; each subsequent race, he won that too.

But now the final bell has rung
And his long string of terms has sprung.
Hail and farewell, our long-time president, Matthew.”

Lynn: “Adieu, mon President, le Gran Canard!” “Long May You Wave!”

Cathy: Invitation to the after-meeting link in the chat
Matthew/Cathy please open a portal and now grab the gavel, and it changed color! Thank you
Matthew for handing over the gavel.

Eylat: Motion to adjourn

Cathy adjourned the meeting! Good Night all and Happy New Year, see you all next year.

*Minutes taken by Krystal Rains.
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