

LASFS Meeting #4454
Dec 22, 2022
Called to order at 8pm

Blast off!

Reading of the minutes, corrected by Gizmo
\$5 to name by Lynn Maners "Happy Hanukkah! I am a jelly doughnut." Accepted as corrected and named

Nick:

Deaths:

Jane Sherwin Actress

Mike Hodges Screenwriter

Diane McBain Actress

Birthdays

Frankie Darro Actor

Jay Brazeau Actor/Voice actor

Media

Son of Kong 1933

Honor Guard CLJII: CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices, winding down it's season in the next couple of days.

Registrar Eylat, no guests

Patron Saints

Steve McGinty

Matthew: He did attend a number of meetings in the last few years of the second clubhouse. A benign presence. He would bring his Macbook and share the with certain friends.

Three Rousing Cheers for Patron Saint Steve McGinty.

Adheide Nichols

Eylat: Very good at buying and selling houses, and getting them ready to sell. She has a talent for gaming, and organizing game rooms at events like Loscon and Gally. She is really good at sewing, quilting and knitting. Glad to have her as a friend.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Adheide Nichols

Treasurer Elayne: Payment for annual dues is open, donations are accepted and I will provide a tax letter for your filing. Please pay your dues

Loscon 48, no report

Loscon 49 We are looking forward to it, buy your memberships and when the hotel opens, please

Marketing, WE ARE ALL the marketing team if you have an opportunity to talk about Loscon, please do.

Board: Jan 15 is next board meeting via zoom

Programming: Eylat

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

Looking for additional programming, please let Eylat know your ideas

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Time Bound announcements

Nick Showtimes

Chris: George's physical therapy has not gone well enough to get a day pass for the holidays

Charles: TCM is running an incredibly varied holiday lineup over the next few days.

Moments of Science

Lynn: Moment of non-science: I turned in my final grades online for the semester the other day. Almost immediately, I received an email from a student who had been both lazy and inattentive all semester, to wit. "Which is my letter grade, the 68% or the B?"

Dean: Dall-e AI image program that will take an ordinary sentence and create a picture based upon the text you write. There is some controversy, to teach the AI, it scoured the internet, for images both free and under copyright. It is interesting, and not perfect. Available on open AI.org

Lee: A retreat from a previous conclusion, analysis of some rocks from Mars, they found Manganese Oxide which is formed in a watery environment under the same conditions that are good for life, but oxidize is a special term in chemistry that doesn't require oxygen, it might have been chlorine. Not that it isn't, but not necessarily a sign of life in the environment. Someday when they actually bring samples back, they will have a better idea of what these materials are actually.

Jim Continuing with the AI, one of our reporters did a story on an AI stock picking. None of them did any better than a human. But the stocks are doing particularly poorly this year.

Regular Announcements:

Eylat: Jan 14, we will be going through Karl's second storage unit, things need to be sorted,

inventoried, and photographed. Starting at 11am, and would appreciate any help.

Reviews

Jim: Jordan Peeles recent movie Nope, it is a modern version of Aliens vs Cowboys, not a big budget film, but the effects are good and has some good plot twists and humor. I liked it and think you will too.

Cathy: 2 documentaries that we watched last night, The Sound of 007, for the 50th anniversary of Bond. Music, sound, interviews with many folks over the years of the film franchise. Good documentary available on Prime. Following that we went to Disney + by Mary McCartney, History of Abby Road studios. Many of the musicians, going back to the 1930's. From Symphonic era, through the Beatles and then to Indian Jones, that revived the studio. All about film scoring.

Eylat: Mark and I continue to watch Boston Legal. With many actors from a wide variety of Star Trek franchises. As the seasons continue, the characters keep getting better and better.

Misc

Debra: on the AI doing artwork, with it collecting from all over, it is doing collages.

Susan Rothman: On Tuesday I had my bivalent booster and some people have laryngitis after receiving it.

Dean/Cathy the link to the after meeting is in the chat.

Eylat: motion to adjourn

Merry Christmas everyone and Happy Haunukka and air your grievances for Festivus