Minutes of meeting 4581
May 29, 2025

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Birthdays of authors T. H. White and Neil R. Jones, actors Bob Hope and Adrian Paul, actress Pearl Mackie and composer Danny Elfman were celebrated. Media anniversary of the 1958 movie Fiend Without a Face was noted. Passings of author Peter David, film historian and archivist Barbara Hall, actor and stunt man Ed Gale, science fictional musician Simon House of Hawkwind and other bands, and as reported by Susan Fox, fan Curt Steindler were noted. A minute of silence for Curt, a longtime LosCon attendee who was known to many fans.

Reading of the previous minutes

Bid to name the minutes Dr. Susie bid $10 to name them "Taco Tuesday is now every night."

Approval of minutes at 8:21 pm

Patron Saint:

Ed Baker—CLJ II reported that he was a long-ago member who was apparently murdered in a robbery and found in his car. Matthew knew him only slightly, but they got along well.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II reminded us of the place and point of the Spot of Honor, and Eylat bid $25 to put LosCon 51 into the limelight.

Welcoming of guests: We are members only this evening. He apologized for last week. His dog had an emergency.

Board of Directors: next meeting on zoom, June 8th at 11 am.

Loscon 51: Tell me a story. Loscon 52: Beyond the Unknown

Programming:

Fannish wellness: Chris reported that George is actually recovering some leg strength. Eylat reported that Heide is doing better now that they have some idea what it is they're treating medically.

Michelle reported that Todd McCaffrey is moving back to Ireland this summer. He will be donating some stuff to LASFS before he goes.

Matt Mitchell reported that Tina and Steve came down with COVID from their recent trip.

CLJ II reported that his sister is arguing with the hospital staff that is trying to keep her alive...

Old Business

New Business

Timebound announcements
Nick announced movies at the Vista
Dean mentioned the typewriter festival to celebrate Typewriter Day, June 14th, at the Print Museum. A discussion of typewriters, word processors, and music typewriters ensued, as well as correction fluid.

Program, if any

Science report: Tom Safer reported on three scientists
John Walker, 1781-1859. He invented friction matches.
Johann Heinrich von Medler, who published the most complete map of the Moon in the 1830s. He also published a detailed map of the surface of Mars.
L. L. Thurston, who developed statistical techniques for measuring results of psychological tests.

Edison patents on this date: 1923 a patent on mounting a stylus for playing back records. 1883 for an electrical dynamo.

Alfred Nobel's will was read on this date which had to do with the funding of what we now know of the Nobel Prize.

Victor reported that Apple has made it easier for owners or repair services to repair iPads without violating your warrantees.

Regular announcements:
Tom Safer: He is performing with the Wagner Ensemble on June 8th at St. Francis de Sales church, $20. Saturday June 14th he will be showing Gigi at the Hollywood Regional library at 2 pm, admission free.
Matt Mitchell: Today is Put a Pillow in Your Fridge Day.

Reviews
Dr. Susie said that the new Lilo and Stitch was wonderful. The CGI didn't pull her away from the story. The casting was odd, because the actress playing the older sister didn't look at all like the younger one.
Mark Poliner reviewed John Scalzi's latest book, When the Moon Hits Your Eye, which is about people coming to grip with the moon turning to cheese. Eylat showed off some of Mark's model-making hobby.
Nick reviewed the new Mission Impossible film, and mentioned that it connected all eight films into a continuous story.
Tom Safer is rewatching the original Night Court and enjoying it.
Derek is watching a short series on Netflix called The Eternaut. He enjoyed it a lot.
Lee Grixit is watching a series called Murderbot, based on the books.

Miscellaneous

Matthew mentioned that this is the 121st anniversary of "Le Sacre du Printemps," which led to a riot over the varied opinions of the work.

Adjourned at 9:24 pm.