Named by Chris Marble
June 19, 2025
Meeting #4584
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]
Hatchings:
- Julius Schwartz, comic book editor
- Virginia Hey, actress
- Zoe Saldana, actress
- Mia Sara, actress

Media anniversaries:
- *Them!* In 1954
- *The Terminal Man* in 1974

Passings:
- Mark Peploe, screenwriter
- Betsy Gay, actress, singer and yodeler

Reading of the minutes for meeting #4583
Susan Fox bid $5 to name the minutes "Chupaqueso" in honor of the Schlock Mercenary comic strip. Dean Johnson moved to approve, Matt Mitchell seconded, and the members accepted at 8:19 PM

Patron Saint:
Ted Johnstone [aka David McDaniel]. Charles Lee Jackson II gave some background on both of him, and his writing and fannish careers. Nick quoted Jerry Pournelle as having said that he would have been a major writer if he'd finished more manuscripts.

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: CL showed us the Spot of Honor and its contents, in this case the logo of LosCon 51.

Welcoming of guests [Derek LaPorte]: None, but the registrar said it was nice to see lots of people online.

Treasurer [Elayne Pelz]: One person present hasn't paid dues yet, so please pay up.

Board of Directors: Matthew Tepper reported that the next board meeting would be on July 13th at 11 am on Zoom.

Loscon 52 was reported on, and Eylat Poliner is beginning to invite guests, and hopes to have them lined up.
Loscon 51: Don't forget to buy staff memberships and reserve hotel rooms.

Programming: July 3rd, no program; July 10th Hybrid meeting at Denny's;

Fannish wellness: Matt Mitchell reported that Steve Smyth has had his cataract surgery and is expected to see better; one eye done and one to go. Eylat reported that Kathy Mar is doing better, with the help of generous fans keeping her back rehab going. Eylat is feeling better, but is having to change her diet.

Old Business:
CL auctioned off the color of the ballots from last week's election. Retroactive ballot color auctions are apparently not as vibrant monetarily. The scribe's ballot was the ichorous green of the giant eyeball behind the incoming scribe. The registrar's ballot was mallard drake head feather green. The treasurer's ballot was 637 angstroms.

New Business
None

Timebound announcements:

Nick reported on movie screenings and bookstore events.

Science report:
Tom Safer reported on a few scientists with today's birthday:

- Viktor Ivanovich Patsayev, cosmonaut and design engineer, who died on re-entry of Soyuz 11
- Aage N. Bohr, like his father he was a Nobel laureate
- Blaise Pascal, French mathematician and physicist

On this day in 1987, the Supreme Court ruled that the Louisiana law requiring the teaching of Creation Science violated the separation of church and state.

Nick reported on the semi-identification of the "Dragon Man" skull from China, and it has been shown that the fossil's mother was apparently Denisovan. The mitochondrial DNA had to be found by scraping plaque off of a tooth.
Marc Silver said that Australian scientists have found a type of moth that apparently uses celestial navigation for its migration. They were able to catch some and attach brain analysis widgets to them and show that the moths moved in response to correct star patterns.

Victor Frost reported that Etsy has put a ban on selling 3-D printed products that are not your design. The problem is that some people had bought the rights to reproduce.

Regular announcements:
Tom announced that on July 23rd he will be eligible for Medicare.

Susan announced that Sir Gary Oldman was on the new Honors List from the English crown.

Victor announced the annual Solarpunk Conference is coming up this weekend, with an emphasis for helping create an optimistic future. Victor will be giving a talk on the "right to repair."

Reviews: Eylat reviewed "Apothecary Diary" anime favorably, on Netflix

Gizmo Powell said that the Sci Man Dan is doing an experiment to measure your angle toward the sun on the solstice. This is to convince flat earthers of things, which of course won't work.

CL said that Facebook people are surprised by the summer solstice, as if it wasn't a regular thing...

Having given thanks to the winter gods for the coming of the solstice, we adjourned at 9:13 pm