Susan Fox May Name The Minutes
June 26, 2025
Meeting #4585
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]
Hatchings:
- Peter Lorre, actor
- Tom DeFalco, comic book writer,
- Lev and Austin Grossman, twin authors
- Chris O'Donnell, actor

Media anniversary:
- *Dragonslayer,* 1981
- *Escape From New York,* 1981

Passings
- Lalo Schifrin, composer and conductor
- Aki Aleong, actor, martial artist, and music executive
- Rick Hurst, singer and character actor

The club also celebrated the 75th birthday of the own Charles Lee Jackson II. We were sadly unprepared for this Diamond Jubilee, but made a valiant effort to sing "Happy Birthday" over Zoom.

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4584
Susan Fox bid $5 to have Chris Marble name the minutes "Named by Chris Marble." Approval of minutes at 8:21 pm

Patron Saint:
Alan Frisbie, Sacred Flying Disc of LASFS, which means he has given us more than just a regular Saint. CL mentioned that Alan used to go to Galco's to buy interesting sodas. He was one of the people who figured out how to illegally get long distance calls, but he got better... Three cheers, and a sacred flying disc.

Committee Reports
Registrar: Introduced new member Daniel Karen. Got to see *Star Wars* as a kid, and never recovered. Has read tons of science fiction and fantasy, and glad to find like-minded individuals. He found out about LASFS online.

A thank you was given to outgoing officers Derek as Registrar and Nick as Scribe.

Honor Guard: CL explained the Spot of Honor, and auctioned off the Spot for the month of July. Susan Fox bid $10 to have the Spot of Honor be for SciFi.Radio.

Treasurer [Elayne Pelz]: Pay up if you haven't paid your dues yet.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus announced that the next board meeting will be July 13th on Zoom at 11 am.

Loscon 51 and **Loscon 52** are both being worked on.

Programming:
July 10th is a hybrid meeting at Denny's
July 24th Mary Jane Thompson doing a reading
July 31st Craig Miller reading from one of his books
Far future: December 4th is the date being aimed at for a grand opening of the new clubhouse.

Fannish wellness: Chris reported that George Mulligan is being worked on for rehab again.
CLJ reported on his sister. She is recovering, but is still unhappy with the doctor who made her need the recovery.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Timebound announcements
Nick mentioned movie screenings, and a book signing at Annabelle's Book Club on Ventura Blvd., as well as Don Glut's small comic book convention at the Mayflower club.

Science report:
Tom Safer reported on scientists born on this date, such as:
1866, The 5th Earl of Carnarvon, British Egyptologist, born on this date. Associated with Howard Carter's exploration of King Tut's tomb in 1922.
1824, Baron William Thomson Kelvin actually did a lot more than his work on heat and temperature, but that's what he got famous for. Such is life.
1730, Charles Messier, an astronomer who discovered 15 comets and started cataloging star clusters, nebulae and galaxies.
On this date in 1819, a patent was issued for a velocipede, an ancestor of the bicycle.

Lee Grixit and the quest to use gene editing within someone's lifetime continues with a claim that the gene manipulation tool **krispr** may permit the curing of things like Down Syndrome.

Scientists have found a pretty much complete fossil skeleton of a newly identified small dinosaur. Based on early studies, it was a bipedal herbivore no bigger than a large dog, and the fossil found hadn't been torn apart by something eating it, so the skeleton was undamaged. Part of the study is to try to figure out why it has thigh joints that aren't like those of other dinosaurs, but it appears to have been a runner, using its speed and agility to avoid being on the menu of larger carnivores..

Regular announcements
Tom Safer will be screening Fantasia on Saturday, July 12th at 2 pm at the library in Hollywood.

Reviews
Chris Marble had a chance to see the *Star Trek* set re-creation in upstate New York, escorted by David Gerrold.

Lee Grixit said that there had been a trend in television about the concept of a revenant, someone just coming back from the dead, not as zombies. Now there is a new one called Revival on the SyFy channel.

Nick reviewed the first episode of *Ironheart* on Disney+

Miscellaneous
Gizmo said that he had received a request to help a fan move a bunch of things this weekend. Contact him for more information.

Larry Niven announced that he and Steven Barnes have been working on a novel, and Larry has finished his work on it and handed it back to Steve to work on. It should be out in less than a year.