Excellent Job, Matt!
July 3, 2025
Meeting #4586

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

"The time has come, the Waller said, to speak of many things," said president Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m. (She may have said "Walrus" but somehow, "Waller" is more apropos.) And with that, she declared meeting #4586 open.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Susan Fox stepped up as Nick Smith was absent, possibly at WitchitaCon]
Hatchings:

- Tom Cruise, (*Edge of Tomorrow* and *War of the Worlds*)
- Yeardley Smith, the voice actress for Lisa Simpson

Media anniversaries:

- 40th anniversary of the release of *Back to the Future.*
- 38th anniversary of the movie *RoboCop*.

Passings:

- Jim Shooter, writer, editor of Marvel Comics

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4585.
Chris Marble bid $5 to name the minutes: "Susan Fox May Name The Minutes" and the lady in question declared, "So named!" Eylat Poliner moved to approve the minutes, Chris seconded. The members voted to approve at 8:15 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Doug Abe: Matthew Tepper said he was a longtime fan; we haven't seen him around in a while, but his daughter did show up at a Denny's meeting in the last year or two. Susan found on Facebook that he passed away about a year and a half ago. According to some information that Eylat received from Heath Row, he was from Hawaii, possibly though not definitely the only LASFS member from the Aloha State. He used to donate boxes of paperback books to the club. He also apparently served as a senior master sergeant in the United States Air Force. He was given three cheers.

As a side note, Eylat is going to forward the Patron Saint list compiled by Heath for the club's benefit. Also, Elayne Pelz reminded us that June Moffatt had kept the Patron Saint list for many years. (I think what Heath has compiled is information on each Patron Saint)

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: Occupying the spot of Honor (and the upper corner of Charles Lee Jackson's screen) is Sci-fi.radio. CL applauds and supports their activities on behalf of the science fiction community, and encourages the LASFS to do so as well.

In explaining what the Spot of Honor was and how it related to the club and its history, CL referred to it as "Auction Pinochle". But we appreciate all the people that have been helping us bring in a few extra dollars to keep the LASFS chugging along.

For his maiden voyage as **Registrar**, Matthew did not have any guests to introduce. However, he graciously thanked Eylat Poliner for supplying him with the green card document. Eylat says she will bring physical green cards to the hybrid meeting next week. Matthew hopes to be able to do his job and introduce new guests to us.

Treasurer [Elayne Pelz]: Everybody's paid up, but as all three of our storage spaces have increased their rates this month, donations are happily accepted.

Tom Safer will be calling the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation by August or September of this year for LOSCON. He asked Elayne when she would like him to get the Motion Picture license started for LASFs. Elayne replied that we'll get that probably starting September. Susan advised the price on that may have raised as well, so may as well call now.

Board of Directors [Michelle Pincus]: Next board meeting is July 13th, 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel. Hope to see you there.

Programming [Eylat] New item added for October 2nd.: Andrew Plotkin, when he will be talking about his interactive website. No program today, as it's a holiday weekend. She then reviewed the upcoming program items through August.

Loscon: Eylat stated there was not much to report. Loscon is currently tabling and having a party at Baycon AKA Westercon. Susan posted the additional information in the chat. Eylat adds they are working on Loscon 52

Fannish wellness: Chris reports Chuck Donahue is fine, they had lunch this week.
George Mulligan is down to under 300 lbs., but he is still not vertical, largely due to a diabetic foot ulcer that they've been working on for,the past four and a half months which is possibly related to the one that, kept him off his foot for the first 9 months after he got COVID and went in. But he is currently getting physical therapy. Lee Grixit asked if George can't at least get around on a wheelchair. Chris replied George is not strong enough to sit up or roll over in bed.
He also mentioned Doug Finley, possibly a LASFS member or LASFS adjacent, whose birthday it is today. Chris is also going to visit Don Fitch tomorrow. Finally, he reports Selina Phanara's job hunt is not going well.

Eylat reported Heidi Nichols is doing and feeling much better, has more energy, and she was on the phone with Eylat almost an hour yesterday.
She also reported that Joyce Sperling has been in the hospital for the last week or so. Her insurance company unfortunately denied the coverage on her rehabilitative therapy, so the hospital sent her home. She is virtually trapped in her home and can't even go up and down the stairs Please send good thoughts her way.
Eylat herself,on the other hand, is now walking up two flights of stairs, so she is definitely doing better.

Susie Searight said husband John saw his cardiologist today, and in the words of his cardiologist (quoting Christopher Eccleston) "Fantastic!" So much so that apparently as the elevator was busted, John walked up the stairs to the sixth floor. "He said his legs felt like jelly." but he still did it.

Matt Mitchell had an echocardiogram. They found nothing wrong with his heart, no hole, no defect that might have caused the blood clot that precipitated his stroke. But they don't know where it came from. That's very hard to treat.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Timebound announcements:
Cathy reported the late Tony Todaro's Facebook page as apparently been hacked, as it has been generating some very puzzling and very scammy posts. " A $20,000 car for $7,000, give me a deposit to hold it," That kind of thing. Obviously Tony's Facebook page was not memorialized. Michelle contacted his widow Lily, who told her Facebook won't shut down Tony's page without a court order. Maybe if people keep reporting it, they will shut it down just to shut us up. Susie recommends Lily send Tony's death certificate to them. Apparently this had to be done with her late friend, the actor Camden Toy.

Science report:
Per Susan: astronomers have spotted what they think might be an interstellar object hurtling through the solar system. It is heading kind of inside of the orbit of Mars, and then out again. NASA has given it new official name 31/ATLAS, It's a comet, not an alien spaceship, you're still going to have to wait to hitch a ride.

Lee Grixit related that Researchers have found the lost mass of the universe. It's not great galactic strings, it's not dark matter, dark energy, Dark Helmet, just consolidated gases in deep space. So maybe the universe just needs Pepto Bismol.

Tom Safer spoke about Harrison Hagen Jack Schmidt, born on this day in July of 1935, American geologist and astronaut., Lunar Module Pilot on Apollo 17. He resigned in 1975 to run for the U.S. Senate, and was elected. Also mentioned by Tom were Samuel Proctor Massey and Jesse Douglas. Tom also noted that on this day in 1987, British millionaire. Richard Branson made the first crossing the Atlantic by hot air balloon, named Virgin Atlantic Flyer. From Maine to the Scottish coast in 33 hours; they set a new record for hot air ballooning. Finally, today, in 1841, John Couch Adams decided to determine the position of an unknown planet by the irregularities it causes in the motion of Uranus. This eventually led to the discovery of Neptune.

Regular announcements

CL announced USPS has issued a new stamp: Sponge-Bob SquarePants, who lives in a post office under the sea. Cathy asks if you lick the stamp, or do you use a sponge?

Chris mentioned that while he was out of town for a month, John Hertz left a long message on his voicemail about wanting assistance with emptying a storage unit. John's phone number was put in the chat to facilitate anyone following up with him to offer assistance, if needed.

Barbara Harmon wanted to ask if anybody knew somebody who's good with equipment. She has been having problems publishing APA-L and is looking for technical assistance. Various members offered advice, sight unseen. Cathy and Dean Johnson offered to stop by and take a look to see what the problems are and what can be done. Susan is also thinking of having Gene Turnbow talk to Barbara. Cathy gave Barbara her phone number and also invited her to stick around at the after-meeting.

Eylat announced *Strange New Worlds* returning July 17th, and promised lingering death to anyone who managed to stream episodes early and then post spoilers. Various members recommended her going into Airplane Mode, more or less, for an unspecified interval before she is able to watch the episodes.

Reviews

Lee reviewed *Squidgame*, describing the new episodes as even more "traumatic and appalling" than before.

Matthew reviewed the novel *Road to Roswell* by Connie Willis. Crazy-themed but whimsical. (*Sounds perfect for Bing and Bob. -ed.*)

CL said Me-TV is bringing back *the Adventures of Superman* with George Reeves.

Tom mentioned *Twilight Zone* marathons on H&I and SyFy.

Chris saw the live action *Lilo & Stitch.* He'd be willing to see it again if a friend wanted to, but...

By contrast Matthew did enjoy the live action version of *How to Train your Dragon.* Though he notes the actor playing Hiccup sounds a lot like Matthew Broderick as Ferris Bueller. For a few minutes, at least.

Tom reviewed *Sinbad & the Eye of the Tiger*, as "definitely worth your time."

Cathy reminded us of the aftermeeting and put the link in the chat.

After reminding us to please be kind to our animals, because they do not like fireworks, Eylat moved to adjourn. Matt seconded, and the members overwhelmingly passed the motion and ran off into the night.