Minutes of meeting #4591
August 7, 2025
Wish You Were Here

Talk of iced tea with lemon, sheet music, Costco switching to Coca-Cola and talking like Damon Runyon characters, was gaveled to death by the call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Hatchings:
Nick Smith:
- Billy Burke, AKA Glinda the Good Witch in The Wizard of Oz
- Jane Adams, actress and violinist
- Jerry Pournelle, s-f writer and LASFS Patron Saint
- Paul Dini, writer & animator, creator of Batman: The Animated Series

Susan Fox
- David Duchovny, actor, of the X-Files
- Cirroc Lofton, actor, of Deep Space Nine

Media anniversaries:
Nick
- Real Genius, 1985
- Wonderful Worlds of Brothers Grimm, 1962

Chris Marble contributed that Masters of the Universe debuted today in 1987. And Susan related that, while not a media anniversary, this week in 1976, Viking 2 entered orbit around Mars, facilitated in part by LASFS' own Dan Alderson.
Passings:
Nick
- Loni Anderson, actor and voice artist
- Nando Angelini, Italian actor
- Angelo Maria Ricci. Italian illustrator and comics artist

Susan
- Kelly Mack, actress

After the previous meeting's minutes were read, Susan bid $5 to name them "Bored Now." Dean Johnson moved to accept and the members approved the minutes at 8:21 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Ed Hooper: Sadly, no longer with us. Eylat Polinor is posting a picture of Ed, herself, Matthew Tepper and Debra Levin going to see Guardians of the Galaxy on Facebook. Matthew described Ed as a big puppy dog: unruly, loud, but very adorable. Chris Marble got close to Ed while they were running errands together. Three cheers and a Linux installation were given!
Tim Merrigan: Chris says Tim was always in the back room, editing De Prof or APA-L, just being one of the reliable folks for getting things done...when we actually did things. CL remembered Tim was one of a number of LASFS members who became an animal character in the Brontosaurus and Toad comics he was doing. Tim wanted to be a Manx cat, with a prosthetic tail, CL gave him one that he had to drag behind him in a little red wagon. Cathy read from the List of Adrian Messenger, or rather the Patron Saints, that Tim was involved in fanzines for a while. Three cheers were given.
Jerry Pournelle: Larry Niven met him while they were young. His favorite collaborator on over 40 projects together...most notably dismantling the Soviet Union using a program called "Star Wars." (No, they did not write the movies, this was the Strategic Defense Initiative). And the odd novel or two.

Michelle Pincus said Jerry was a good friend to all of LASFS, and an ad hoc mentor to young writers with freely-given advice. CL remembered that Jerry was an early advocate of digital self-publishing, and encouraged CL to publish his own books publishedelectronically, which he found both mellow and profitable. Barbara Harmon mentioned that her cousin who works in engineering knew Jerry from his scientific work in rocket combustion. Three especially loud cheers were given for Dr. Pournelle.

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: CL reports that the Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 51 "Tell Me A Story."

Registrar : Matthew reported no guests tonight, although there was a mysterious participant named "Dave" who was lurking about.

Treasurer: Elayne reminded us that it's a new month , so it's $15 for the month, and that goes for Zoomers, too.

Board of Directors: Michelle confirmed our next Board meeting on September 14, 11 a.m., same Zoom channel.

Loscon 51 and Club Programming: Eylat supplied all that info in the chat.

For the meeting's program, Maria Rodriguez made a presentation: "From Imagination to Reality." A guide to costuming. She then took questions and comments from the members. This did lead to a discussion of a sewing workshop meeting regularly when the new clubhouse opens.

Fannish wellness:
Chris – George Mulligan is using heavier weights, so he is making progress. Michelle spoke to David Okamura again. He's still having health and financial issues but he is excited about the new clubhouse. Matt reported that Time Meddler Andrea Spilholtz had Comic-con crud, but is recovering nicely. Eylat says Joyce Sperling is lonely, and would love getting phone calls. Dr. Susie Searight says husband John graduated from cardiac rehab. And Larry let us know that his cast is off! He still has to wear the brace for six weeks.

Regular announcements
CL found out that Dean Cain, of Lois and Clark, is joining ICE! This prompted multitudes of "Kneel Before Zod" pictures on Facebook. Matthew advised carrying Kryptonite around with you. Eylat said hooking up her laptop directly by wire to new internet is working.

Timeboard announcements
Nick reported Annabelle's Book Club on Ventura Boulevard will be hosting a signing in a couple of weeks. Holly Overton, for her book A Mother's Guide to the Apocalypse. Also, Crystal Lake Nightmares, a convention for Friday the 13th movie series fans, is happening this weekend at the LAX Hilton. Finally, the musical It's a bird Its' a plane its Superman will be at the Broadwater theater in Los Angeles this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Eylat moved to adjourn, and the members sustained the motion, faster than a speeding bullet at 9:24 p.m