Minutes of meeting #4594
August 28, 2025
Cathy Johnson, President
Matthew Mitchell, Scribe
Just a Bunch of BADASS!

President Cathy Johnson declared that “it’s never too early for a Kermit impression,” whereupon Chris Marble flapped his arms like he was made out of felt. Protocol thus satisfied, Cathy called the meeting to order at 8;00 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Hatchings:
Nick began the hatchings with:
- 1916, Jack Vance, writer of mysteries and science fiction
- 1917, Jack Kirby, artist for Marvel, DC and other media
- 1948, Vonda McIntyre, writer of science fiction and Star Trek novels
- 1951, Barbara Hombly, also Star Trek writer, as well as mysteries and historical novels.

Susan contributed the following birthdays:
- Jack Black, actor and musician
- Gates McFadden, actor (TNG) and choreographer
  - Billy Boyd, actor (Lord of the Rings)
- Paul Reubens, actor & comedian (Pee-Wee Herman)

Media anniversaries:
- 1951, premiere of the movie Five
- Commemoration of National Power Rangers Day

Passings:
- Guy Lillian III, fanzine fan and Hugo nominee
- Frank Price, TV writer and producer, later headed both Universal and Columbia Studios
- Takaya Hashi, Voice artist for anime and computer games in Japan
- Dave Taylor, comics artist for Marvel and DC
- Fifth Anniversary of the passing of Chadwick Boseman (Black Panther)

Cathy announced the passing of Christine O'Halloran, fan from the Bay Area who often came down with her husband John to work Loscon and Gallifrey One. Nick, Susan and Chris Marble also contributed their memories of Christine, which included playing taiko drums and tie-dying t-shirts of cats. The members observed a minute of silence in her honor.

After Matt’s Reading of the minutes, Barbara Harmon bid $10 to name them. "Somebody Had to Do It." (Which covers a multitude of sins). Eylat moved to approve, Dean Johnson seconded, and the members sustained at 8:22 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Allan Rothstein: CL told the tale of, pursuant to Allan’s penchant for giving unexpected gifts to his friends, took CL to Disneyland and ended up buying him his first annual passport.
Matthew Tepper had lots of stories of Allan that he had already told: the rotting watermelon; taking Matthew in as a roommate during a health crisis; and of Ginger, Allan’s fluffy orange cat. Finally he related the tale of driving Allan to a yard sale and watching him pay twice the asking price for a giant Micky Mouse plushy. Allan was given 3 cheers and a giant Mickey Mouse.

Matthew Tepper: Eylat said she has known him an obscene number of years. They basically adopted each other. He came to her graduation from Pierce College. Cathy has known Matthew longer that she cares to admit; he was president when she joined LASFS. CL known Matthew as long as he's been in the club, calling him "one of them snobby little newcomers," but somehow came to regard him as endearing when he went out of the area for a time. Among other accolades from members, Debra Levin praised Matthew for putting up with her evil dog! For that and many other grand qualities, Matthew was given 3 cheers!

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: CL reported that last week SciFi.Radio was mistakenly holding the Spot of Honor when it should have been Loscon 51; recompense will take place at a later date. But as this meeting was at the end of the month, it was time for the auction for September spot of honor. Dr. Susie Honeybee-Searight bid $50 for BADASS!

Registrar: Matthew recognized Megan S, who joined our meeting as part of the presentation of BADASS. Originally from Salt Lake City, she lives in southern Utah. She's a fan of Dr. Who and Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and of author and filmmaker Barbara Gordon. She works for a jewelry company in marketing, and also has a background in television production.

Treasurer: Elayne asked everyone pay their dues, and to please donate, because we're about spend big-time bucks.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus reminded us of the September 14 Board of Directors meeting on this channel at 11:00 AM.

Loscon 51 and the club's programming were posted in the chat. Loscon 52 was also noted to be on track.

The evening's Program proceeded, featuring Dr. Susie, along with husband John and Megan S, are the governing board of the Brown Coat Auxiliary Depression and Anxiety Support System, or BADASS. This organization supports the acceptance of neurodiversity in fandom communities and raises awareness of mental health support and crisis intervention. "Can you imagine," Susie asks, "how much more creative we could be if we felt supported in our quirkiness?" Information on BADASS' website, suicide and crisis hotlines was posted in the chat. Susie answered questions about diagnoses of ADHD and other neurodiversions.

Regular announcements
Susan got herself a Mah Jongg set, hoping to make tournaments a regular feature at the new clubhouse.

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble reported George Mulligan is getting better, Greg Barrett is doing okay, and Selina Phanara has not been swept away by the floods out in that direction. Eylat mentioned that Joyce Sperling is doing better, having gotten some chairs where she can spend time in her living room watching TV. Heidi Nichols, unfortunately, is still in lots of pain, unable to hold a phone conversation. Marc Silver said he might give her a call. (Michelle Pincus made an addition during the next meeting to say that Heidi was doing better.)

Cathy again thanked the presenters and our guest, mentioned the aftermeeting in the chat, and asked Eylat if she had a motion. Eylat moved to adjourn, Matt seconded, and the members approved at 9:19 p.m.