Minutes of meeting #4597
September 18, 2025
Hey, Rocky!

As our esteemed president had an excused absence tonight, vice-president Eylat Poliner had no need to initiate a palace coup to gavel the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Nick Smith gave us the following Hatchings:

- 1884, Gertrude Barrows Bennett, early s-f writer and illustrator
- 1917, June Foray, voice artist for Jay Ward, Disney and Warner Bros
- 1948 Lin Abbey, s-f writer & editor
- 1963, John Powell, composer

Susan Fox contributed more Hatchings in the chat, including:

- Babs Olusanmokun (Dr. M'Benga in Star Trek: Strange New Worlds, Jamis in Dune)
- James Marsden (Cyclops in the X-Men films, live action parts in "Enchanted" and "Sonic The Hedgehog")
- Jada Pinkett Smith (Scream 2, The Matrix Revolutions)

Media anniversaries:

- Nick mentioned the 1987 premieres of Amazon Women on the Moon, and Slave Girls From Beyond Infinity. Susan added that The Addams Family television show debuted on this date in 1964.

Passings:

- Patricia Crowley, actress
- Robert Redford, actor
- Robert Luke Harshman aka Bobby Hart, of the singing duo Boyce and Hart

Reading of the minutes for meeting #4596
Debra Levin bid $5 to name the minutes: George! Chris Marble moved to approve the minutes, which the members sustained at 8:18 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Karl Lembke: Chris Marble said Karl was a great guy and a great supporter of the club. Susan mentioned his "staying power" in terms of holding club office, including the Board Chairmanship. Also, Karl was a force to be reckoned with in the field of Convention hospitality. Barbara Harmon said Karl was very knowledgeable about biology and was a gourmet chef. Maryann Canfield mentioned in the chat she asked for one of Karl's onion rings, only to be told as he passed it over that it was calamari. Karl was given 3 cheers and a wonderful con suite.

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: CLJ II said the spot of honor was being held by BADASS, and praised their support of our club and fandom in general

Registrar : Matthew Tepper reported that we had no guests this evening.

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz mentioned that we have people who owe dues. She also gave thanks to 3 people who donated large sums last week.

Board of Directors: As Michelle Pincus was not with us tonight, Matthew, in his role as vice chair, said the Board approved some new members and that the next Board meeting will be on October 12 on this Zoom channel. Michelle will be absent, so Matthew will be stepping in for her there as well.

Programming: Eylat announced that tonight's program had to be postponed because Gene Turnbow is recovering from dental surgery, so he will be reading to us from his new book on October 9th at the Denny's hybrid meeting. At our veep's request, Susan posted future programming in the chat.

Loscon 51: Eylat said that the committee meeting this last Saturday was very productive. She said there is a full staff meeting on Zoom this coming Sunday; at her request, Susan posted the link in the chat, for anyone who wants to slave away the Thanksgiving weekend. Eylat also mentioned that Loscon 52 has an appointment to get their website done next month.

From there, Fannish wellness guru Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan is doing fine, and getting occasional physical therapy. Selina Phanara is also doing fine. Eylat was very busy this week and did not have an opportunity to check in with Heidi Nichols or Joyce Sperling. CL said his physical therapy has improved the condition of his back, and he might be able to adapt some of the PT to his college gym class.

Old Business: Susan has gone to see the inside of the clubhouse building, and said that it is bigger on the inside…than the inside previously was. (Just as well: we don't want the library ending up in the swimming pool.) Elayne said "I hope so." The contractors are currently painting and building a ramp. After that they will probably be installing the necessities for the bathrooms. Susan asked about drainage for rainwater. Elayne assured her that excess runoff will go where it needs to.

New Business, None

Reviews: Gizmo Powell reviewed Weird Al Yankovic's recent concert at the Kia forum. He's still kicking it!
Nick said Spinal Tap II is genuinely appalling, unless you loved the first one. CL added that Rob Reiner appeared recently on the Colbert show and explained what took so friggin' long to get this movie made.
Eylat reviewed Curriculum, a hard s-f show on Amazon Prime about futuristic travel with lots of twists and turns...which travel often has.
Christine Lipscomb recently saw Thunderbolts* and particularly enjoyed the performance of Florence Pugh who played the sister of Natasha.
Nick saw the Eleventh Doctor, Matt Smith, in a crime-caper film called Caught Stealing. Brutal but riveting, he called it.

Miscellaneous
CL witnessed the onslaught of the Food Network's Halloween competition shows.

Backtracking to Regular announcements, Nick related lots of showings at Brain Dead Studios, Vidiots, and the New Art, and several signings at Annabelle's Book Club in Studio City and Vromans bookstore in Pasadena.
CL announced that his Halloween Haunts, Highlights, and Hijinks Facebook page is set to go off to coincide with the autumnal equinox. Maybe he can stand an egg on end as well.

Eylat mentioned that she is going to need a better cheat sheet for her to run her next meeting. CL suggested cuneiform on clay bricks, to the approval and amusement of several. As Eylat was restrained by protocol from making her usual motion, Matt Mitchell moved to adjourn, Willard Stone seconded, and the membership departed at 8:44 p.m in search of Sumerian meeting agendas.