Minutes of meeting #4600
October 9, 2025
More Than Acceptable!

As president Cathy Johnson and audio-video wizard Dean Johnson were both absent for this Denny's hybrid, vice-presidents Susan Fox and Eylat Poliner had a minimal tech infrastructure for this meeting. Chris Marble again wanted to play "Sweet Georgia Brown" at the three-minute warning, but Susan was not having more than his usual nonsense. Matt Mitchell managed a verse of "Dedicated Followers of Fashion" before Susan threw a virtual shoe at his forehead in time to call the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Nick Smith slid into the booth beside Susan to give us the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Hatchings included:

- 1900, Harry Bates, editor of Astounding, writer of Day the Earth Stood Still
- 1936 Brian Blessed, famously loud British actor
- 1949, Jim Starlin, creator of Thanos, Drax, Gamora and the Infinity Gauntlet.
- 1954, Scott Bakula, of Quantum Leap and Star Trek Enterprise (yes, and Eisenhower & Lutz, too!)
- 1964 Guillermo Del Toro, director of various fannish TV shows and movies

Media anniversaries:

- 2000, Birds of Prey television show, sort of a precursor to the Arrowverse

Passings:

- Patricia Rutledge, actress and Commander of the Order of the British Empire
- Ron Dean, actor in several genre shows, usually as a policeman
- John Woodvine, actor, (Knights of God and American Werewolf in London)
- Terry Gary, fan writer and award-winning poet

Due to our technical shortcomings this week, Matt held off the reading of the minutes till next week. Then you will get two for the price of one.

Patron Saints:
Beverly Kantor: Susan described her as having a heart of gold. She was given three cheers.

Committee Reports:
Honor Guard: despite the fact that the spot of honor was 15 miles away at that moment, CLJ II said the spot shared by Loscon 51 and his own Halloween Haunts, Highlights, and Hijinks FaceBooks page. Any rumors that the Spot's contributions paid for our new clubhouse may be apocryphal, but that has never stopped the LASFS from spreading such rumors before.

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble posted from the chat that Heidi Nichols must be doing okay because she's been posting on FaceBook. George Mulligan is mostly unchanged, though his weight is down to 284 lbs. They've checked to see if his new shoes fit. So they're close to putting him on his feet for only the 2nd time in 2025.

Elayne Pelz made the Treasurer's report: Everybody in the meeting has paid up. As always, the club takes donations.

Registrar: Matthew Tepper said Mae Scott's son Jason has apparently grown taller since the last time he attended a meeting. John Derderian, a first time visitor, appeared on Zoom and described himself as a long-time reader and shorter-time writer.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus reminded everyone of the Board meeting this Sunday, October 12 at 11 a.m. Contrary to earlier reports, Michelle will be running it.

Loscon 51 is next month! Susan read off the Guests of Honor and the membership rates. Also, on October 19th Eylat and Susan are going through the LASFS storage to mark the material and equipment for the con; committee members are advised to request early anything they might need from the unit. November 26th is when the stuff will be removed from the storage unit; the 27th is when it will be unloaded at the LAX Hilton. Cleaning out of the hotel will be November 30th, December 1st the stuff will be shoved back into the storage unit – or maybe moving into the clubhouse?

Programming for the remainder of October will be fairly quiet, until the 30th when CL reads to the membership, probably something spooky. November 5th will be the nominations for the open Board of Directors positions. A quick reminder was given that the November 27th meeting, taking place at Loscon, will not be hybrid, unfortunately.

Timebound announcements:
Francis Hamit has his book STAR MAN for sale. He introduced his upcoming memoir, OUT OF STEP, which will be out next month. He also has a new substack.
Nick gave us info on several screenings, including a 12-hour marathon of horror films in 16mm. Also, Annabelle's Book Club is doing some fannish book signings.

Program
Gene Turnbow read from his new novel, JUNIPER FAIRCHILD AND THE ALTERWHERE, while strolling through the Denny's so more members could hear him. After finishing the first chapter, he took questions about the style of fiction he wrote in and how he started writing in general. When asked who his favorite author was, Gene replied, “It's like asking who my favorite musicians are. It's more by the piece than it is by the artist.” After gauging the level of enthusiasm in the room, Gene read the second chapter of the book, then said anyone who wanted more could buy a copy of the book. Apparently several members accepted the challenge.

Announcements: Eylat reported that the genetic testing she underwent back in June revealed that she has 22Q Deletion Syndrome. 22Q is apparently the gene that decides your facial features, heart condition, and other physical parameters. As Eylat herself put it, we’ve all known she’s not entirely there, but at least now we know why.
CL announced that October 13th is the 59th anniversary of the Empire. “This is what happens when you’re too stubborn to quit,” the Emperor decreed.
Hare Hobbs announced that Terry Draper, the drummer of the rock band Klaatu, best known for the tune “Calling the Occupants of Interplanetary Craft” and once rumored to be the clandestinely-reunited Beatles, passed away some months ago.

A motion to adjourn appeared from the aether at 9:04 p.m., and the members dispersed in search of interplanetary craft.