Minutes of meeting #4601
October 16, 2025
Welcome Back, Kotter, I mean Cathy!

A discussion of whether leprechauns fly (on Aer Lingus, no doubt) or if it's just gremlins that do that, was terminated by the gavel wielded by vice-president Susan Fox as she called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Nick Smith collaborated with Susan on the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Nick started with the following Hatchings:

- 1917, Claire Necker, librarian and anthologist
- 1926, Joe Sinnott, artist/inker for Atlas/Marvel Comics
- 1963, Glen Glazer, fan and longtime LASFS member

Susan also contributed Hatchings as follows;

- Centenary of Dame Angela Lansbury [1925], hot princess in "The Court Jester," Mrs. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast" and Miss Price in "Bedknobs and Broomsticks"

[1968] Todd Stashwick Captain Shaw, who said NO to Admiral Picard, on "Star Trek: Picard"
Media anniversaries:

- 1923, Roy and Walt Disney launched their animation company, Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio

The Passings this week included:

- Fantasy Author James Hetley
- British Actor Tony Conter
- Artist Drew Struzan

The members got a double dose of Matt Mitchell reading the minutes tonight, but they were cordial and polite, and kept the snoring and drooling to the absolute minimum. Greg Lipscomb bid $26 to name the minutes of meeting 4599: 26 Years Later. Probably in honor of his anniversary...what number was that again, Greg? Approval of those minutes came at 8:19 p.m. For meeting #4600, Susan bid $5 to name the minutes: More Than Acceptable! The members apparently agreed at 8:29 p.m.

We had Patron Saints a'plenty this meeting, beginning with Randy Greiner, who was apparently known as Mr. Bottomless Wallet, who not only was an active bidder at club auctions, but even paid $25 to have Bill Rotsler immortalize him as a Bad Guy in an Iron Man novel. Randy was given 3 cheers and an infinite wallet.
From there, Michael Mason was eulogized by Matt, whom Michael had given a Calvin & Hobbes collection as a birthday present. Heidi Nichols remembered him as one of the sweetest guys ever, as the librarian who could find anything in LASFS's collection and for the Christmas exchange video with the chocolate manhole cover. Eylat Poliner says she still uses Michael's recipe, more or less, for charoset at Passover. Michael was somewhat renowned for attending Worldcon, and for his collection of Worldcon t-shirts. He was given 3 cheers and a chocolate manhole cover.
While Chris Marble could not get his wife Elizabeth, our third Saint of the evening, on camera, he managed to have her stand close enough to hear Michelle Pincus praise her as a lovely charming lady, of impeccable taste and fun to be around. Eylat said she has had many wonderful dinners with Elizabeth and hopes to do it again soon. Heidi recalled Elizabeth giving her tea and sympathy when she was about to have a meltdown. Chris, calling himself "Mr. Beth," Elizabeth's social secretary, said it's been 40 wonderful years with her. 3 cheers to Elizabeth and Earl Grey tea

Committee Reports,

From there, Susan called upon Chris to stop complimenting his wife and make with the Fannish Wellness Report. He reported that George Mulligan has a cold. At least it's not COVID, according to tests. Meanwhile, George is going to try sitting up in bed. From there Chris passed the caduceus to Heidi, who reported she has a new cardiologist, less medications and a smidgen more energy.
Lee Grixit got a colonoscopy, and reported no major problems. He has started on some new medications, and has lost 30 pounds in the last 4 months.

Honor Guard: CL, after a briefing of the Spot of Honor, said that held it is this week by LosCon 51.

Debra Levin, reporting as Treasurer this evening, said everybody is apparently paid up – although she grilled late arrival Julie Scott, who did her monthly payment by autodeposit earlier this month.

Registrar : Matthew Tepper reported, just the old familiar faces tonight.

Board Chairman Michelle said that the next Board of Directors meeting is November 16 at 11 a.m. Ordinarily it would have been the 9th, which is the second Sunday, but it was pushed back for the convenience of several Directors.

Programming: Nothing for this week's meeting or next. CL will be reading to the members on the 30th. Susan ran down the remainer of the programming for the year. From there, Susan recited the Guests of Honor for Loscon 51. Eylat announced that this Sunday, members of the committee need to tag anything in the LASFS storage unit they need brought to the LAX Hilton. Then she ran the dates for move-in and move-out of stuff to the LAX Hilton. So, be there or find some other way to spend Thanksgiving weekend.

Old Business and New Business did not rear their ugly heads.

Timebound announcements
Nick gave us a rundown of the horror and horror-adjacent films that several local theaters thought would be appropriate to show during the month of October.

Reviews
Heidi related that 10 years ago, the web series Con Man, which Heidi was in for a couple of episode, debuted, and is currently running for free on Prime. She also reviewed The Book of Tomorrow, and its sequel.
Eylat very favorably reviewed Gene Turnbow's reading of his book Juniper Fairchild and the Alterwhere last meeting. Debra chimed in with her agreement of this.
Lee reported that Strange New Worlds is reconfiguring the original Trek timeline, in hope of luring back the fans who abandoned the franchise post-Nemesis. And, to replace Talk Like A Pirate Day with Talk Like a Vulcan Day. That, at least, the Scribe is on board with.
CL reviewed Trick or Treat, a history of Halloween book by Lisa Morton, saying that he could not see a lot of factual errors in it, which coming from the Emperor is practically a Hugo. Matthew added that Lisa is an expert on many things, including the works of Philip K. Dick.

Miscellaneous
Lee announced that the British Library says being gay is not a disqualification, so Oscar Wilde has his library card back. Debra surmised that they wanted to resolve this before November 30th, which would have been the 125th anniversary of Oscar Wilde's death.

Eylat is going to be giving a presentation on the research paper she is writing 22Q Deletion Syndrome, via interpreters to the deaf students and the deaf teacher in the class.
Nick said that Loscon's Writer GoH this year, T. Kingfisher, is having her books prominently featured at Barnes & Noble on Ventura Boulevard. He also mentioned that due to studio shenanigans, the loose ends from the last season of Peacemaker that James Gunn left dangling might just get resolved...in two other TV series that we don't know yet. "So things are getting very strange," Nick said, to the surprise of none.

Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m., which Heidi seconded with alacrity.