Minutes of meeting #4604
November 6, 2025
Oh, The Pain!

Lee Grixit related a just-so story from the old comic strip Gordo about why roosters crowed. Not missing a beat, president Cathy Johnson used that as the clarion calling of the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Nick gave the following hatchings:

- 1907, Catherine Crook DeCamp, member of Science Fiction Writers of America & First Fandom, and wife of L. Sprague deCamp
- 1914, Jonathon Harris, actor best known for Lost in Space
- 1966, Peter DeLuise, actor and director
- Emma Stone, actress (Amazing Spider-Man I & II)

Media anniversaries:

- 1981, Time Bandits

Passings:

- Diane Ladd, actress
- Adam Greenberg, cinematographer
- Ralph Senensky, director of Twilight Zone and Star Trek episodes

CL added that LASFS member Roger Hill, who had attended just the previous week, has passed away. He was active in the mid-to-late sixties and was one of a group of members from CalTech. Besides s-f, he liked railroads, trolley cars, traveling down Route 66 and folk dance groups. Matthew Tepper added that Roger was a guest at his & Debra's wedding. The members gave Roger Hill a minute of silence.

As a further tribute, after the minutes of meeting #4603 were read and corrected, Cathy bid $6 to name the minutes: Roger Hill is Groot. Approval of the minutes came at 8:30 p.m.

Our Patron Saint of the week, Woody Dodge, had been commemorated by Robbie and Marty Cantor as having donated auction items for the Down Under Fan Fund. Matthew Tepper remembered that Woody had given him some advice about his Subaru. Woody also attended the LASFS memorial for Len Moffat in 2011. He was given 3 cheers by the members.
(Addendum: Matthew reported that Woody passed away in 2018)

From there we went to Committee Reports. CL reported that the Spot of Honor was held by LosCon 51 "Tell Me A Story," an event which CL reminded us was happening in less than a month.

Registrar: Matthew reported that everybody was already a member.

Michelle Pincus reminded us that the next Board of Directors meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday, November 16th, not the 2nd Sunday, the 9th. The meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

Despite her sore throat, Eylat let the Loscon 51 volunteers know that loading the technical equipment would start Wednesday, the 26th at 10am at Elaine's place. 3PM the same day, loading the truck from the LASFS storage unit. On Thursday the 27th, the stuff will be moved into the LAX Hilton Hotel starting at 9am and stopping at noon. Load out from the hotel will commence around 3PM on Sunday the 30th. This information will also be on the Facebook page. Eylat also mentioned the Loscon 52 party, where one of the activities will be making Friendship bracelets.

Fannish wellness: Chris reported that George Mulligan is stable, he has made little progress even to sitting up by himself, and they are threatening to move him to a no-rehab center. Meanwhile, Don Fitch is turning 97 this week.

Old Business,
After CL explained how the Board of Directors is the corporate face of the LASFS, and how directors are elected in staggered rotation over the years, he then listed the requirements for potential nominees. Particular attention was given to the recent expansion of residency area, subject to restrictions. CL began the nominations with the members who are current on the Board and therefore not eligible to be nominated to fill another space. Then he listed the three Board members whose terms were expiring, but were certainly eligible to be nominated to serve another term: Gavin Claypool, Dean Johnson and Heidi Nichols. CL then declared the nominations open.

1. Elayne Pelz nominated Gavin Claypool, who accepted.
2. Michelle Pincus nominated Heidi Nichols, who accepted
3. Cathy Johnson nominated Dean Johnson, who accepted
4. Elayne nominated Nick Smith, who declined.

After that, there were no more nominations, so CL declared them closed and that it would be an easy election next week.

Along with her Treasurer's report, wherein some people were not paid up through this meeting and were told pony up, Elayne reported that the clubhouse construction is finished. They are laying down the carpet this week. Elayne is arranging to unload the large storage unit and also getting a storage shed in the back of the clubhouse. The possibility of holding a meeting in the clubhouse by the second or third week of December exists, but is by no means a certainty.

New Business, None.

Timebound announcements
Nick mentioned the Burbank Book Festival at Buena Vista Branch Library in Burbank this Saturday. He also mentioned Movies at venues such as Brain Dead Studios (which is having a Godzilla Day marathon), and other offerings at the Frida, the New Beverly, the NuArt and so forth.

Science report:
Lee Grixit reported on a robotic bowel probe that could replace having to have a colonoscopy. So instead of having the Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau done to you, you could just have Fantastic Voyage. Raquel Welch sold separately. CL argued that if such a probe were truly autonomous, it would not be a robot. This led to a scholarly discussion with Nick, Matthew and Lee about the Kapec play Rossum's Universal Robots. Heidi managed to mention an article from the Guardian newspaper which stated that the expanding universe is not expanding as fast as it used to. See, we're all getting older.

Reviews
Chris reviewed the World Fantasy Con in Brighton the previous weekend. Good attendance and all went well.
Nick reviewed a movie called the Gunfighter's Deal which beside the usual western cliches also had a gunfighter making a deal with the devil.

Miscellaneous
CL ordered a new chair for himself at the new clubhouse. Now all he has to do is put it together and get it over to the clubhouse – not necessarily in that order. Susan offered to take it to the clubhouse for him, but he demurred, wanted to assemble it at home, disassemble it and then put it back in the box. Nick said he'd never get it back in the box.

Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:13 p.m, at least partially to stave off the discussion of fitting round chairs back into square boxes.