Minutes of meeting #4605
November 13, 2025
Help, I'm Stuck On The I-5!

While the in-person members waited at the Denny's for the meeting to begin, many of the Zoom participants played with Video avatars, so the screen started to look like Animal Farm. In spite of the tech issues she was having, president Cathy Johnson managed to gavel the meeting to order at 8:17 p.m. before a communifascist regime was formed.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Nick Smith began with these Hatchings:

- 1850, Robert Louis Stevenson, author of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, among others
- 1888, Philip Nolan, who wrote the source novel for Buck Rogers
- 1894, Nita Naldi, actress who had a role in the Jekyll & Hyde movie starring John Barrymore
- Garry Marshall, producer of TV shows from The Odd Couple to Mork & Mindy
- 1953, Tracy Scoggins, actress known for Lois & Clark and Babylon 5, who also starred in a Jekyll & Hyde
- 1957, Even Baxter, mathmatician, engineer and writer
- Marty Massoglia, LASFS member and longtime book dealer
- And last but not least, as announced by Debra, our own Eylat Poliner!

Media anniversaries:

- 1987, The Running Man, the original with Ah-nold.
- 2012, Space Janitors, web series

Passings:

- Sally Kirkland Jr., actress (Ray Bradbury Theater)
- Tatsuyama Nagamine, animation director

After Matt read the minutes of meeting #4604, an addendum was made by Matthew Tepper, in that that week's Patron Saint Woody Dodge passed away in 2018. Susan bid $10 to name the minutes: Oh, The Pain! Approval of minutes was moved, seconded and sustained at 8:39 p.m.

Starting off the Patron Saints: **Milt Stevens,** who as Christian related, worked in technical support for the LAPD. He also purchased couches for the Tyrone clubhouse and among other positions, was co-chair for L.A. Con II in 1984. Hare Hobbs added that Milt was the chair of the L5 conference. Matthew said that after a period of mutual antipathy, he and Milt became very good friends, and he could always count on an interesting review or other tidbit from Milt during meetings he presided. CL said Milt was a member of Epitome of Evil, Ltd., one of a long and distinguished list of silly organizations under the LASFS umbrella. Milt was given three cheers.

For **John Trimble's** remembrance, Hare Hobbs said that he, along with his daughter Katwen, organized the clowns at the Special Olympics who hugged the athletes. CL said that John was "good to his mother," in reference to an old Daffy Duck cartoon. John was given three cheers.

And finally, the birthday girl Eylat Poliner: Heidi Nichols relayed a testimonial from Tom & Annamarie Safer about Eylat being their sister. Heidi added her own accolade, stating Eylat is family, a wonderful cook and a wonderful person. Chris Marble says Eylat does wonderful things with chocolate. CL didn't have a clever anecdote, but threatened, "she's young, she'll get hers." Debra considers Eylat to be her best friend. Mark Poliner, some stranger who wandered in, said Eylat was one of the two best things, along with their daughter that had ever happened to him. The only problem

he has with Eylat is her inability to say no. Larry Niven remembered that Eylat had driven him to LASFS on many occasions. She was given 3 cheers, happy birthdays and death by chocolate

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL reported that, some miles to the east and a couple of south, Loscon 51 holds the spot of honor.

Registrar : Matthew could not see any guests this evening, but is hoping we have some after Loscon. The room was pretty packed, as it happens.

Treasurer: Elayne shook her virtual finger at several members who needed to come up and pay their dues. She also remind ied us that we can start paying for the 2026 annual membership next month, in $25 installments.

Board of Directors: Michelle reminded us of the Board meeting this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Loscon 51: Eylat listed the loading schedule. CL asked her to post it on the FB page.

Programming: Tonight is Board elections. Next week is Evan J. Peterson's reading. December 4th is the nominations for club president, and the week after is the procedural officer elections.

Fannish wellness: Chris reported George Mulligan is unchanged, although he made an effort to sit up in bed..

Old Business: Appending her treasurer's report, Elayne reported due to heavy rain, the movers cancelled moving stuff from storage to the clubhouse. The building itself is 99.9999% done. The DWP meters have to be rehung because the wood behind them is rotten. The Grand Opening and the Open House events are getting pushed back an indeterminate amount of time.

CL announced the Board of Directors election tonight. None of those who accepted the nomination last week withdraw, so we had what's called an Alderson election (as in the same number of candidates as that of open seats) and declared it over and done with. Subsequently, Matthew bid $20 for the right to name the color of the phantom ballots "mallard drake head green."

From there, the Committee to Gouge Money in the person of Christian preceded to open the auction and encouraged people to bid on the following:

Trouffout's Hitchcock book, $5 Gavin Claypool
Anime LA T-shirt, XL, fannish S, $5 to Krystal Rains
The Last Companion, P. McCormack, uncorrected proof $2, Nick Smith
Unhinged by A.g. Howard, uncorr'd proof. $1 Julie Scott
Star Wars aluminum luggage tag $5 Krystal
Dymo label printer. $10 to Matthew
Ear buds wireless, made in China. Apple-looking. $5 to Hare
Zen as Fuck $5 Eylat
The Northman Bluray DVD $5 Hare
2 DVDs, Percy Jackson, $2 ChrisMarble
Yes I'm Still Freezing, t-shirt, longsleeve $1 Julie Scott

Jumper DVD $1 Heidi
The Maids DVD $1 to Julie
Star Trek Cookbook $20 to Matthew
Star Wars necklace/choker with lightsaber medallion $15 Krystal
Pin of Earth and other planet $7 Elayne
Sherlock Holmes and the Telegram from Hell by Nicholas Meyer $5 Hare
Andre Norton signature $10 Scott B.

Special thanks to Susan for her help.

After all the items had been auctioned and all the money ripped from the hot little LASFS fists, Cathy opened the meeting up to Miscellaneous. Tom Safer announced a concert with choir and orchestra at St. Francis Catholic Church in Sherman Oak this Sunday. Hare has actually started buying comics, having found some by J. Michael Straczynski. Mark Poliner showed via zoom his Starblazers model, and a gnome. Christian finally saw Superman, and decided to only say that he liked the Green Lantern. Scott recently went to the DMV and said it has actually improved. CLJII on the other hand, gave the TV series DMV the Evans-Freehafer Raspberry. Christian proposed a TV show called Chicago Refuse, people who investigate illegal dumping. Matt called it the epitome of trash TV.
Gene Turnbow brought copies of his book, and anyone who bought one might just get an autograph to go with it.
Eylat moved to adjourn, and Cathy threw it to a vote with a reminder to pay your dinner tab, at 9:34 p.m