Schrodinger's Minutes
Minutes of meeting #4606
November 20, 2025

From her and Dean's hotel room at the Anaheim Marriott, with a thrilling view of the Magic Kingdom's parking lot, president Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. As we were expecting a guest speaker tonight, the members were warned that as soon as he signed into Zoom. we would pivot into his presentation. At that, several members started sounding like they were trying to move a large couch up a flight of stairs.

Nick started us off with the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings.
First, the Hatchings:

- 1919, Phyllis Thaxter, actress in the Twilight Zone, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, best known as Ma Kent in Superman
- 1956, Bo Derek, who played Jane in Tarzan the Ape Man and appeared in Sharknado films.
- 1959, Sean Young, actress in Blade Runner and Dune (1984)

Media anniversaries:

- 1952, Black Castle,
- 1964, First Men in the Moon

Passings:

- Rebecca Hyneman, Game designer
- Jean-Louis Trudell, Canadian science fiction writer

After Matt read the minutes from the previous meeting, marred slightly by frozen internet, Dean was brow-beaten by our Madam President to bid $5 to name the minutes: *Help, I'm Stuck on the I-5!* Matt was forced to break with tradition and moved to approve his own minutes. Heidi seconded and the members sustained the motion at 8:22 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Our one and only Saint this evening was **Jim Tanenbaum.** Matt, after consulting ~~The Notebooks of Lazarus Long~~ the LASFS Patron Saint Hagiography, related that Jim was a contributor to APA-L; other contributors were constantly spelling his name 'Tannenbaum' with a double n after the first a (just like the song "Oh Tannenbaum"). Jim took to using just an *n* with a slash through it as his byline in his fanzines. Sounds Scandinavian… Writings by the late Marty Cantor described Tanenbaum as a professional sound man who worked on such movies and TV shows as as Alita: Battle Angel, Avatar, Babylon 5, Burned at the Stake, Demons, Forever Young, and the TV miniseries From the Earth to the Moon. At the 1978 Westercon 31, Jim participated in a panel discussion titled "Creating Special Effects." He was member of the Cinema Audio Society as recently as 2019. Susan add that Jim arranged a screening of Phantom of the Paradise, which he worked on. Jim was given 3 cheers, just as our guest for the evening signed in.

Our guest, Evan J Peterson, a Seattle-based author and game writer, came to read from his new book, Better Living Through Alchemy, a contemporary urban dark fantasy noir. He also has a new game call Post Human coming out next year. He read an excerpt from his book to the members, then showed us his website (evanjpeterson.com) and a video by sharing his screen over Zoom. Evan then took some questions, such as how he would categorize his work ("Weird with a capital 'w'") and what authors he likes (China Mieville, Clive Barker and William Burroughs). After a few more questions and a round of applause for Evan from the members, we returned to our standard meeting.

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: CL gave a brief description of the Spot of Honor, which is currently being held by Loscon 51.

Registrar: Matthew reported that the only guest was Evan J. Peterson. His report, and he's sticking to it.

Treasurer: Debra, sashaying in on Matthew's screen, reminded the members to pay their dues, and that we could start the yearly dues of $170 in monthly installments until the end of March.

Board of Directors: As Michelle Pincus had to leave the meeting early, Matthew switched hats to vice-chairman of the Board, to announce the next Board meeting would be at December 14th at 11:00 a.m. on the LASFS Zoom channel. He's decided to stick to that report as well.

Fannish wellness: Chris reported that the facility has managed to motivate George Mulligan into working harder to get on his feet, so they have postponed moving him to the Old Folk's Home.

Loscon 51: In addition to the information supplied in the Zoom chat, Eylat went over the loading and transport schedule again for the budding longshoremen in the crowd. Also, Loscon 52 will be having a party at 9pm on Friday and Saturday night in room 1616. Tea and cookies will be served, goodie bags passed out and friendship bracelets will be made. They will also be supporting BADASS.

Old Business, None
New Business, None

Programming: In addition to the previously-announced meeting for the remainder of the year, Eylat announced that CL has been persuaded to do an appropriate reading to the members at the December 25th meeting. A reminder also went out that the next meeting would be held at the LAX Hilton but would not be hybrid. Cathy asked Matt if he would be in attendance. Matt responded he would not, but he had previously arranged for Matthew to be Emergency Backup Scribe for the meeting. Matt will get Matthew the minutes of this meeting beforehand, so Matthew can give them a traditional unsympathetic cold reading. A quick "Heaven Help Me" was heard from our Scribe.

Miscellaneous:
Christine Lipscomb, before giving her announcement, asked if the Grand Opening of the new clubhouse was postponed again. Eylat confirmed that it was, with the opening now sometime in February. Christine then went to say she has a new mobility scooter that she will debut at Loscon. It apparently can fold up into a large suitcase. Matthew made the comparison to George Jetson's flying car that folded into a briefcase. Tad Daley remarked Christine looked more like Judy Jetson, and he got stuck with the nickname of "Elroy."
Elroy – sorry, Tad – asked where is the LASFS meeting would be exactly as the LAX Hilton next Thursday night. This started a flurry of activity, including texting Arlene Satin to ask where she planned to stash the LASFS meeting in the hotel. Hopefully it doesn't end up in the kitchen.
Chris put in the chat that Greg Barrett is hoping to get a ride to Loscon next Friday.

Timebound announcements:
Nick will be performing some storytelling at the Folk Music Center in Claremont on Saturday the 22nd.

Reviews
Eylat has been re-watching Xena: Warrior Princess. She also started watching Equalizer on Paramount+ starring Queen Latifah, and dubbed it a modern day Xena, in that she can kick some serious keister. Queen Latifah using Xena's chakram – it's quite the image.

Eylat then moved to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Matt seconded, and the members went their separate ways, while from far away came the cry, "Jane, stop this crazy thing!"