Recess With Milk & Cookies
Minutes of meeting #4608
December 4, 2025

Everybody seemed to be missing something this evening: Elayne couldn't find the keys to the late Marty Cantor's cubbyholes, Susan couldn't find her Emergency Vice-President Gavel, and Carol Wuenshell was unable to locate the plumber that she called to her house to fix her water. President Cathy Johnson couldn't find the block for her gavel either, but she called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. with a virtual clack.

After the usual badinage regarding new jobs and medical appointments, we segued into the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings with Nick Smith
Hatchings:

- 1939, Jimmy Hunt, actor Invaders from Mars – BOTH versions, not in the same role
- 1949, Jeff Bridges, actor in Starman, Tron, and R.I.P.D. The Dude abides.
- 1949, Rich Lynch, fan writer and LASFAPA contributor
- 1964, Marisa Tomei, actress whose work spans from the Toxic Avenger to Spider-Man

Media anniversaries:

- 1953, Killer Ape was released, or perhaps it escaped.

Dispatchings:

- Leslie Fish, fan, singer, songwriter of the classic filk Banned from Argo
- Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, actor in Mortal Kombat, The Man in the High Castle and The Last Emperor.

For the Reading of the minutes this week, the Two Matthews did their cabaret double act. Matthew read the minutes for meeting #4606, which he would have read at the LAX Hilton but for a mixup in emails. Although the minutes that were NOT read last week were named, Cathy decided that the minutes that WERE read should be named by auction as well. In that convoluted spirit, Dean bid $5 to name them "Schrodinger's Minutes," Matt then read the minutes of meeting #4607 (the one at the Hilton) written by Matthew; Gregory Lipscomb bid $5 to name the minutes: "Happy First Meetings IRL" Both sets of minutes were duly approved.

We had two Patron Saints this evening and, wonder of wonders, both were in the house (so to speak)! A 1st time Zoomer, Marty Massoglia was in attendance, thanks to his daughter's tech support. Chris said Marty has an incredible knowledge of books; give him a genre and maybe a description of the cover and he'd be able to name the book, the author and probably the correct edition. Chris added that Marty would always win trivia contests for chocolate. Matthew called Marty "Bookseller Supremo," noting his presence at the club and at the Paperback Show was sorely missed. Barbara was amazed during the paperback show, how Marty seemed to know the entire contents of the books as if he had read them all and memorized everything on every page. Marty was given 3 cheers and a paperback book.
As for Chris Marble, CL called him a stout fellow, a fine fellow, and of inestimable help. Selina said that in addition to helping people feel connected to the club, Chris makes her feel petite and is an awesome friend. Matthew considers Chris to be charming and funny (both in the amusing and the peculiar senses). Barbara said the world would be a better place with more Chrises. Chris was given three cheers.

Starting off the Committee Reports, CL said that the Spot of Honor for December was dealt with by Shadow Committee for Dealing with Stuff That Didn't Get Dealt With, in that a check will be dropped

off at the next meeting to have the Spot held for December by CL's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices FaceBook page. This Shadow Committee sounds like some of my relatives in Chicago...

Registrar : Matthew did not see any completely new people, though we did have Marty Massoglia ("long-time member, first-time caller." as our president phrased it) and Selina Phanara for her inaugural Zoom meeting, only a week after her appearance at Loscon.

Our All-Seeing Treasurer Elayne spotted some people who haven't paid up as of this evening. She is tired of having to browbeat some of the same people. Susan helpfully put the dues schedule in the chat.

From there, Elayne reported on the progress of the clubhouse. The bookcases have arrived at the clubhouse and are waiting to be put together. The DWP is turning off the water meters so Igor, our contractor, can rehang them on the walls more securely.

Board of Directors: We had no Michelle, but vice-chair Matthew reported the next meeting would December 14th at 11:00 on this Zoom channel.

Susan delivered the Programming for the remainder of this month.

Loscon 51: Cathy reported that we had a Loscon last weekend, we will have another next year. Eylat, a late arrival to the meeting, added that next year's Loscon will have Guests of Honor, including Chris as Fan GOH. She will review Loscon 51, or what she saw from the staff lounge. She thanked Cathy and Dean, and Susie and John Searight, and Arlene Satin for their work, as well as the amazing volunteers they had.

Fannish wellness: Chris says George McUrso lost a couple more pounds, but still has an ulcer on his foot which precludes getting him to stand up. In happier news, Greg Barret made it to Loscon and so did Hare Hobbs! Eylat and Cathy added their remarks about Greg and Hare, and Selina too.

Old Business,
In accordance with the bylaws of our Society, CL opened the Presidential nominations for the next term, January to June 2026, one week before the actual elections. Per the bylaws, The president shall be the general manager and chief executive officer of the corporation. The president is subject to the Board of Directors; but otherwise shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the affairs of the society. The president shall preside at regular standard meetings of the Society, and shall appoint, serve on, and/or disband all committees; appoint, and/or remove the Society publication editors, sergeants-at-arms, or another appointed officers as he or she finds necessary. Somebody has to keep this collection of knuckleheads out of the soup, therefore the position requires someone with a reasonably good idea of what is going on in meetings and the club in general. Only members in good standing according the bylaws and standing rules may nominate and vote when the election occurs.

Eylat nominated Cathy Johnson, who accepted. No one nominated another person this week, so CL recessed the nominations for this week. CL then read off the other procedurals.

- Vice President: shall, in the absence or disability of the president, perform all duties of the latter. When acting in place of the President as described above, the Vice President shall have all the powers of and be subject to the restrictions on the President. The Vice President also has supervisory capacity for activities that are not the regular Thursday night meeting or special meetings, such as weekend open houses, Friday nights, Sunday gaming and other such items.

- Registrar: welcomes new members and guests to the club; shall supply the secretary with guest attendance information and shall respond appropriately to personal and electronic correspondence addressed to the registrar; and shall in the absence or disability of both the President and the Vice President, perform all duties of the President, subject to the restrictions described above.
- Scribe: shall keep minutes in each of each meeting of the society; shall keep at the principal office of the Society a book of minutes of the meetings of the Society, which shall be accessible to any member on demand, and shall maintain minutes section of the archives. The Scribe shall provide a copy of the minutes of each society meeting for publication in society newsletter, whose editor may edit and condense them as necessary, as long as said editing shall not distort the meaning of said minutes; and shall handle the correspondence of the society. Note: this position is discrete from the Secretary of the LASFS, which is a position on the Board of Directors; the Scribe is a procedural office only.
- Treasurer: This office is only elected in June for a one-year term.

New Business,
None

Timebound announcements
Nick announced the Vista Theater is screening an omnibus edition of the Kill Bill movies starting this weekend. For the less chop-socky-inclined, the Pasadena Folk Music Society is doing a show at the Knox Presbyterian Church near CalTech.

Reviews
Selina reviewed the latest episode of Plur1bus, and judged that it "rocks, like all the rest of them."

Cathy announced that she would not be hosting an Zoom aftermeeting tonight, as she is adjusting to the schedule of her new job, which includes actual commuting. "You had to mingle with the Hoi polloi?" Matt snarked. Selina wanted to know if the meeting next week would be on Zoom; Cathy explained the hybrid setup with the wandering microphones, the thrilling views of LASFS members chowing down on dessert and the Money-Gouging Committee's auctions.

Eylat then moved to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Matt seconded and the members sustained.