Back to Class!
Minutes of meeting #4609
December 11, 2025

In an effort to get president Cathy Johnson's wireless mike working for the hybrid meeting at Denny's, Chris Marble and Matt Mitchell did a quick duet of the Banana Split's theme song. While the helpfulness of this rendition in resolving the tech issues was dubious at best, Cathy managed to call the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings were given to us this evening by Nick
Hatchings:

- 1922, Maila Nurmi, best known as the TV horror-movie hostess Vampira
- 1926, Dick Tufeld, the voice of Robot in Lost in Space
- 1944, Teri Garr, actress in Young Frankenstein and Star Trek
- 1965, Sherrilyn Kenyon, author of the Dark Hunter book series
- 1996, Hailee Steinfeld, actress and voice artist for the Marvel Cinematic Universe

Media anniversaries:

- 2005, the premiere of the film adaptation for V for Vendetta
- 1993, Godzilla vs. MechaGodzilla, the second edition

Dispatchings:

- John Varley, Hugo- and Nebula-winning writer and fan
- Arthur D. Hlavaty, Hugo-nominated fan writer & editor
- Beatrice Picard, French-Canadian actress
- Jeffrey Garcia, Voice actor and comedian, involved in Jimmy Neutron
- Jim Ward, voice actor in Marvel, DC and Star Wars animated series

Reading of the minutes of #4608
After CL corrected Matt in that he *recessed* the nominations the previous week rather than *closed* them, Susan bid $10 to name the minutes: Recess with Milk & Cookies. Christian moved to approve the minutes at 8:24 p.m., and the members, probably hoping for Oreos, sustained.

Patron Saints:
Our first Patron Saint, **Fred Patten** certainly had no lack of people to praise him. Christian said Fred was very active for many years and is remembered as one of the pioneers of Japanimation fandom and Anthropomorphic fandom. Fred was also contributor for APA-L for many years, even after suffering a stroke. Heidi, like many people, met Fred at Anime Los Angeles. Chris mentioned the Cartoon/Fantasy Organization that Fred was a mainstay, and he had never seen that many VCR's daisychained together. CL said that Fred was internationally famous for his professional books and articles. Fred was given three cheers
Rob Powell , the next saint, was in the room with us. Eylat recalled that when she was trying to sell off the last of Karl Lembke's storage property, Rob made sure she didn't get cheated. Susan added that Gizmo is always there, always cares, and he is the spirit of volunteerism, a sentiment that Cathy seconded. Gene praised Gizmo for doing the heavy lifting for him whenever he did something for the club. Gavin reminded us that Gizmo is a multiple laureate of the Evans-Freehafer Award. Gizmo was given three cheers.
Susan Fox, our newest of the Saints, was also in the room. Eylat said that when she was in Tel Aviv, during her mother's terminal illness, Susan bought her MS Office to help with schoolwork. Barbara praised Susan for keeping radio alive. CL said she's a considerate person and a hard worker. Chris said she's a wonderful person. Eylat added that among other things Susan provides the LASFS Zoom

channel and serves Board Secretary. Matt added that Susan often helps him with transcribing the nonsensical mumblings of the members during hybrid meetings. Susan was given three cheers & 1000 new subscribers for Scifi.radio.

Committee Reports

CL said the Spot of Honor was held by his Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices page, the merriest page on Facebook.

Registrar: Matthew Tepper said we were members only.

Treasurer: Debra thanked people for paying their dues. Gavin added that we have $200k in the investment account, post-building purchase and renovation.

Board of Directors:
As Michelle was absent, Susan in her capacity as Board secretary said the Board meeting will be on December 14th at 11:00.

Progamming: Eylat reminded us of the remaining program item of the year, CL's reading on Decem ber 25th.

Loscon 51 is officially over, and Loscon 52 will have the following Guests of Honor:
Bill Wolkoff.- Writer GoH
Selina Phanara - Artist GoH
G. David Nordly - Science GoH
Chris Marble – Fan GoH
Music GoH – Griff the Filker

Also, Eylat will be working on a science fair at CSUN for Loscon 52, as well as Gallifrey One in February. She is looking for somebody to do Strategicon, which is President's Day weekend. People allergic to role-playing games need not apply.

Fannish Wellness Committee: Chris reported George Mulligan is getting rehabilitative therapy, more intensive than he was getting before. The therapists say they are committed to getting George vertical, at least temporarily.

Old Business,
CL jumped in to oversee the Procedural Elections. The first office was of course that of President, the nominations for which we had last week. Cathy Johnson, the sole nominee who accepted, had not come to her senses. No other nominations were made. Before Christian moved to close the nominations, Eylat reminded us about the new clubhouse, and stated that the office of President did not necessitate attending the meeting in person, unlike some of the other positions. We then held an auction for the color of the superfluous ballots. Matthew bid $5 for the choice of "mallard drake head green."

The next officer was Vice President: Responsible for not only assuming the duties of President in the absence of said person, but also for opening up & locking the clubhouse. Matthew nominated Eylat and Susan as a tag team. As no one else was nominated, Christian moved to close. Susan bid $20 to have the Ballot be "black, like our shriveled little hearts." (Don't you believe it...)

For the office of Registrar, the greeting officer and the welcoming face of the club, Eylat nominated the incumbent Matthew, who declined. No volunteers raised their trembling hands. A constitutional crisis seemed to have erupted. It was suggested that a recess appointment might be made Marc Silver, who was not in attendance this evening but did express interest in the office six months ago. Hilariously enough, the auction for the ballot color generated more tension than the nomination for the office. Eylat finally won the bidding, paying $20 to let Matthew chose duckling fluffy yellow.

Finally, the office of Scribe, recorder of minutes, handler of correspondence, Matthew bid $5 to choose Mallard hen head mottled brown for the ballot color. Heidi nominated Matt, who accepted, but was thunderstruck to find himself the sole nominee.

Before proceeding to the auction to have even more money foolishly exchange hands, Christian gave us a clubhouse building report. Truckloads of stuff were brought to the clubhouse and unloaded, including some bookshelves. Gavin and Gizmo set up lots of bookshelves. We could not find the keys to the cubbyholes Marty Cantor used to use, so they were left outside, and eventually trashed. From there, Gavin, our own Mr. Atoz, put out the call for volunteers to come to the clubhouse and shelve books in alphabetical order. This might be starting in the week between Christmas and New Year's. The sooner we can get books on shelves, the sooner meetings can begin in the clubhouse and we can blow this taco stand… or this chain diner, as the case may be.

Then, Christian proceeded to the Auction:
Book: The Haggis by Alexander McLain. $5 to susan
The Unicorn paiting by Cathy Paviya, from the estate of gordon Saunders $3 to krystal
Robert J. Sawyer The Farseen trilogy. $5
JRR Tolkein's the Story of Kullervo $15 t Hare
Occulted graphic novel $3 to Hecate
A Demon in Silver by R.S. Ford. $1 to Krystal
The Warmasters book Weber flint and Drake. $5 to Maryann C
Art: The First Painter by Alicia Austin. $5 to Krystal
Book: Star Trek Encyclopedia by the Okudas, signed by George Takei. $9 by Krystal
Book Palmdale Must Be Destroyed by Richard Mueller. $3 to Jim
Books: First six of Thieves' world Anthology. $6 to MaryAnn
Book: Dead Ringer by Arthur Lyons. $5 to Debra
Book: Doc Holliday by John Myers Myers. $10 to Gavin

Timebound announcements
Hare Hobbs announced that he is moving out of his current house and desperately needs help moving stuff into storage. He wants to start finding an apartment, or a roommate.

Moving to general announcements:

- Barbara announced via Cathy that any author who wants their book cover be an APA-l cover should contact her, or anyone who wanted to contribute a cover.
- Heidi reported the peak of the Geminid Meteor Shower this weekend.
- Eylat will be graduating CSUN on May 17th
- Larry announced Ringworld, the Fancy Edition, with lots of extra goodies, coming out in February.
- Gene will have the first public signing of Juniper Fairchild and the Alterwhere on January 17th at Black Cat Fables bookstore.

- Nick mentioned that Comics Arts LA is coming back this weekend, basically a huge dealer room with lots of comics from independent producers.

Perhaps sensing the meeting was drawing to a close, Andre the Average-Sized moved amongst the members and gave many of them little slips of paper with numbers on them. Eylat needed little prompting to move to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Chris was the sole dissenting vote to the adjournment, no doubt auditioning for the Muppets' remake of The Thing That Wouldn't Leave.