The Fabulous Follies
Minutes of meeting #4610
December 18, 2025

Our esteemed president, Cathy Johnson, was once again AWOL (Absent WithOut LASFS), so it again fell to vice-president Eylat Poliner to call the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Nick, very much present, presented the following Hatchings:

- 1913, Alfred Bester, science fiction writer and won the first Hugo Award for Best Novel
- 1939, Michael Moorcock, s-f/fantasy writer known for the Elric mythos
- 1941, Jack Haldeman II, fan and professional writer
- 1946, Steven Spielberg, director of Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Jurassic Park, and most fantastic of all, 1941.

Media anniversaries:

- The TV series, Captain Z-Ro, sort of a proto-Doctor Who, began syndication.
- Premiere of the Brick Bradford comic strip, which led to a movie, also featuring an odd space-time machine.

Dispatchings:

- Bob Burns III, set builder, costume designer, occasional actor and big Halloween booster.
- Gil Gerard, actor and star of the Buck Rogers TV series in the last 70s
- Anthony Geary, actor from General Hospital and Weird Al's movie UHF
- John Antrobus, British playwright and screenwriter, known for the surrealistic play The Bedsitting Room

Matt also reported on a couple of Dispatchings:

- Bill Ernoehazy, local fan, Ren Faire participant and ER physician
- Rob Reiner, actor, comedy writer and director, notably of The Princess Bride.

Heidi also contributed the Dispatching of Peter Green, actor noted in Pulp Fiction and The Mask

Patron Saints:
Our first saint, Steve McGinty, Matthew remembered that he was a really nice guy who attended some meetings at the Burbank Blvd clubhouse. He quietly shared his wifi with a few select friends. CL recalled having conversations with Steve on a wild assortment of different topics over the course of several months, and that he was a nice guy, though not greatly outspoken. Steve McGinty was given three cheers.
Our other saint, Heide Nichols, who was on the Zoom with us, Debra lauded as a nice person, a good friend, and fun to play Mah Johngg with. Susan appreciated Heide's individuality of opinion, especially while working in committees. Michelle concurred that Heide is very hard working person and very opinionated. Eylat loves Heide to death, even though she drives her crazy and beats her at Scrabble. Marc Silver praised Heide for her filking. MaryAnn Canfield praised Heide's participation in the gaming community. Heide was given three cheers and a Mah Johngg game.

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4609
Heide wanted to insure all the ballot colors for the elections were listed in the minutes. They were,
Matt was just editing his presentation for time. Debra bid $5 to name the minutes: Back to Class!
Heide moved and Matthew seconded to approve the minutes at 8:31 p.m.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL reported that his Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices page on the Book of Face was holding the spot for this month, and would be updated daily through the 25th.

Matthew and Debra did their Steve and Edie act as Registrar and Treasurer. Matthew reported that all present on the Zoom were members, and Debra added that everybody was currently paid up! She reminded us as well that the yearly dues of $170 may be paid up through the month of March.

Board of Directors: Michelle reported that the Board meeting would be held on January 18th at 11:00 AM. She also directed us to Gavin's announcement about volunteers being needed to reshelve the LASFS library books, to contact Gavin and let him know your availability between Dec. 27 and Dec. 30. It's not one big work party, it's several small work parties. Bottom line: we need the floor space.

Old Business: As we were unable to fill the Registrar position last week, Eylat turned the floor over to CL, who explained again the duties and responsibilities of the position. Eylat nominated Marc Silver, who had not been at the previous week's meeting, and who accepted the nomination. The bid to designate the ballot color "silver" was superseded by our new Registrar's $15 bid to name it "Yuchmacher tan" in honor of his original family name, derived from the occupation of "tanner," several generations back.

In that spirit, New Business was skinned alive and its hide nailed to the wall.

Timebound announcements
Nick announced that various venues were having lots of traditional holiday movies, such as Die Hard and On Her Majesty's Secret Service. What would this holiday be without the classics? The Laemmle's theater chain apparently shows Fiddler On the Roof, some even as a sing-along.
CL announced that the Grit channel, which shows Western and religious themed programming, will be showing the Roy Rogers film Trail of Robin Hood, which is has some Christmassy songs.

Miscellaneous announcements
Matthew reviewed Plur1bus and found it very worthwhile.
Nick reviewed Dust Bunny, which despite its trailer is actually a dark fantasy semi-horror martial arts movie. It has Sigourney Weaver and Mads Mikkelson, so it's worth seeing on that basis alone.
CL announced his next book, A Princess of Time.
Susan announced a last-minute gift holiday craft fair at Geeky Tees and Games.

Matt once again took the bullet for Eylat and moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.