Bon Voyage 2025...and Don't Come Back!
Minutes of meeting #4611
December 25, 2025

The sound of the penguin atop CL's television set exploding heralded the call to order by vice-president Susan Fox at 8:00 p.m.

Susan began the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings, as Nick Smith had not arrived as yet, with the 101st birthday of Rod Serling, creator of The Twilight Zone and screen adapter of Planet of the Apes.

Susan then elected to proceed to the Reading of the Minutes, then called for additions, corrections and fudge recipes. This is what happens when vice-presidents go wild. Rita Loy bid $10 to name the minutes: The Fabulous Follies. The members heartily approved the so-titled minutes at 8:09 p.m.

Like a boomerang in a head-wind, we circled back to the newly-arrived Nick, who gave us the following Hatchings:

- 1642, Sir Isaac Newton, who discovered mavity (at least according to Doctor Who)
- 1928, Irish McCalla, actress known for Sheena, Queen of the Jungle, and later professional artist
- 1984, Georgia Tennant, actress and voice artist who is both the wife and the daughter of Doctor Who. No, I'm not going to explain.

Media anniversaries:

- 1999, the premiere date of Galaxy Quest, perhaps the greatest Star Trek movie ever.

Dispatchings:

- Pat Finn, actor in Nickelodean and Disney s-f & fantasty movies
- Vince Campella, videogame designer who contributed to Call of Duty, among others.
- Eddie Sotto, Disney imagineer who worked on Space Mountain and the Indiana Jones ride.
- Kiriko Nananan, manga artist

We had three Patron Saints this week:

Robbie Bourget: Chris remembered that she signed his membership card when he joined LASFS. Eylat confessed that she was afraid of Robbie until Eylat became a convention chair. She further praised Robbie's contributions to the club and many conventions. Matt, too, found her standoffish at first, but he found Robbie's laugh delightfully infectious. He also credited Robbie from keeping Gallifrey One going, mainly on her credit card. Nick added that Robbie willfully participated in the mispronunciation of her surname, which started a discussion among the members of the oddities of the French language until Susan threw her virtual shoe at them and got the meeting back on track. Robbie was given 3 cheers, a dead credit card, a plain cheeseburger, and a half-empty can of Coke.

Marty Cantor: Chris said Marty was a wonderful gentleman, who often brought the Gestestner to Loscon to have a Fanzine Lounge. Nick rattled off several of Marty's professions and enterprises, including professiona tobacconist, jug band musician and prolific poet. He also labeled Marty a "fake" curmudgeon. Maryann mentioned in the chat that Marty always kept her informed about gaming events. Barbara talked about his education as violinist, and took him to a concerto that he enjoyed greatly. Marty was given 3 cheers and a Gestetner.

Elayne Pelz: Eylat said that Elayne nursemaided her through her chairmanship of Loscon 50. Cathy, who arrived late due to anomalies in her personal space-time continuum, said Elayne is a wonderful person, the glue that holds the club and many conventions together. Elayne also likes travel, especially by boat. Elayne was given 3 cheers and ***pay your dues!***

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Debra reported that everybody's paid up, but it's the end of the month and the end of the year, so one can pay monthly or yearly as the mood strikes them. Matt asked a clarification regarding whether the monthly dues were payable within the first two weeks of the month.

Honor Guard: The Spot of honor was snowing in CL's kitchen in honor of his Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices page, but the time had come to auction the Spot off. Susan bid $10 to have Scifi.radio occupy the Spot for January.

Fannish wellness: Chris reported that George Mulligan is getting rehab 2x/day.

Registrar: Matthew said that everyone on the Zoom were all members, but was pleased that Ed Buchman and Rita Loy had joined us. Cathy thanked Matthew for his work as the outgoing Registrar. He announced that between himself and Debra, they had held all of the procedural offices of the LASFS. I'm sure that's worth an investiture in the Order of the Chocolate Manhole Cover.

Board of Directors: As Michelle was not in tonight, Susan switched to her Secretary of the Board hat to announce the Board meeting would be on January 18th, not the 11th as is customary, because most of the Board is going to be at Anime Los Angeles.

Programming: None planned for January.

Old Business, semi-sort-of
Gavin announced the shelving of the library books at the new clubhouse, on December 27th, 28th and 29th.

New Business, None

Program
CL performed a dramatic reading for the members. First, a partial satire of the opening of A Christmas Carol, then onto the 1823 classic, A Visit From St. Nicholas.

Timebound announcements:
Nick announced the 1995 film Strange Days at the New Beverly Cinemas and The Imaginiarum of Dr. Parnassus at the Landmark NuArt. Susan announced a New Year's round-up of music on Scifi.radio. Also a commemoration of those who had passed in the last year. The question was put forth: what to play for Dr. Jane Goodall and Bob Burns? It came down to "Apeman" by the Kinks, and the Nairobi Trio.

Science report:
Tom Safer came in armed with science facts, including the birthdays of:

- Richard Edwin Shote, animal pathologist and virologist. who was first to isolate to vaccinate animals against influenza and identified the virus in the Spanish influenza pandemic.
- Clara Barton, the nurse who during the American Civil War, founded the Red Cross.
- Isaac Newton, invented mavity, major fields of mathmatics and possibly a cookie.
- The Hubble Telescope got fitted with corrective lenses in 1999, finally showing us unprecented views of our universe.

Regular announcements

Reviews
Matthew saw the Plur1bus season finale, and remarked that it was a “remarkable concept”
Tom reviewed the new Night Court series, saying it has a charm of its own.
CL reviewed Trail of Robin Hood, starring Roy Rogers and a plethora of Westerns actors. He also brought up the Alistair Sim version of Scrooge; Matthew added that there was a good print of it playing on Youtube.

Miscellaneous
Ben, via Debra and Matthew, asked if there was a more recent version of the LASFS recommended reading list that's younger than he is? This generated a discussion of producing such a list, especially as we will have a working library soon.

Eylat Moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Matt seconded, and Susan refused to listen to opposing votes and said see ya next year.