

LASFS Meeting #4451
Dec 1, 2022
Called to order at 8pm

Nick

Deaths

Ray Nelson, author fan and cartoonist, who popularized the propeller beanie as a sign of fandom

Albert Pyun Director

Birthdays

Malachi Throne, TV Actor

Sid Dutton, Movie Visual Effects

Treat Williams, Actor

Media The Adventures of Captain Zoom in Outer Space 1995

Krystal reading of the minutes. Corrections CJLII did not write the draconian pun.

Someone had to pay a pun fine. Scribe is allow to repeat puns with no fine.

Bid to name \$25 Lynn Maners given to Eylat "I was going to give it to Lynn"

Approved

Honor Guard: CLJII This months Spot of Honor goes to "CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices" a free facebook page of holiday fun.

Registrar No guests

Treasurer Elayne Pay your dues, it's December, you can start paying off your annual dues for 2023. \$135 for the year. Pay your dues please, we have expenses.

Patron Saint Frank Gasperik

Susan Long time member of LASFS, generous donor, hell of a guitar player. One of the first people to introduce her to Filking along with Barry Gold & Bruce Pelz. I treasured the times together in the music dept.

Richard What can I say about Frank, he was one of the most imaginative people I've ever known, he ran DnD games off the top of his head that exceeded any of the things I had play at the time. He was an excellent singer and one time when he sang his tribute song for the Apollo 13, yes those astronauts, and afterwards he relayed a time where he got drunk with these Apollo astronauts and various other Air Force types, in the middle of being deal drunk, where he saw one of them snatch a fly out of the air. Wonderful storyteller, what a guy.

Charles Dr. Pournelle used to relate the story of trips he and Frank made, they would wander into a bar, Frank would sit down and play his guitar.and they would not pay for a drink all night and there were plenty of them from the appreciative crowd. He could be boisterous and overbearing but he was basically a good hearted guy, with different boundaries than most of us. He is missed because nobody could take his place except perhaps **Miles Gloriosus** from a Funny thing happened on the way to the Forum.

Lee Way back when I first started playing DnD he was one of the people that I played under and was someone I wanted to play under whenever possible. He helped me develop some ideas, helped a lot of people develop ideas, was one of the people we would imitate when learning to

DM.

Susan, I believe his dungeon was called Godhome. Richard confirmed

Nick For any of you who have not heard him sing, there is a Youtube video of him performing at a Westercon.

Chris Marble Frank was an interesting fellow to know. He pretended to work for me at Nastic99, his challenges and boundaries made didn't let him, but he was a great guy to interact with.

Heidi: In the filk community he was prized because he was a good musician he was very imaginative and fun, he wasn't always easy to get along with but he was appreciated. He came up with creative filk songs we all enjoyed

Susan It helped that he knew how to play guitar.

Matthew I had known Frank since the early 70's when we would play Risk with Jim Hollander at Santa Monica College, he was a great Risk player, he was a great friend and I miss him.

Three Rousing Cheers for Patron Saint Frank Gasperick and Three great chords.

Loscon 48 report: Nick people seemed to be having a good time. Apparently the convention had about the same number of people. But this year they were all Loscon members, not Westercon members. We had a number of special events that went well. The Greg Bear memorial was last minute, but a number of people were very happy that it was able to happen, Kristen did a great job with that. Our musical guest was really happy the way the concert stuff was put together and how Heidi had the room set up. Some very favorable comments about the special area. Sadly not enough folks stopped by the film room where Tom Safer had some very cool and obscure stuff in there including the Around the World in 80 days with all the interesting people who were in that. The art area was spectacular, especially the special exhibits. The art show sold more than they expected to. I can now tell you that one of the exhibits was for an upcoming book by Richard Mann of photographs of key people in Science Fiction. Hoping for copies to be available at next year's Westercon. Heidi said there were 25 folks at the Rocky Horror sing a long. Not many people attended the dance, but the ones that did have a good time, including a glow in the dark Dragon. Tanya Huff had a lot of issues getting to and from the convention, including fog, it wasn't until almost minutes before the convention started.

Krystal, where I can, I am sharing commentary that I am finding online about Loscon 48, our panelists really enjoyed themselves. I've seen multiple comments about how friendly and welcoming the con was and many were first time attendees. Kristen did a fabulous job reaching out and finding people. I am sharing on Facebook, for those on Instagram I am sharing in stories, but I will work on putting together a compilation. There are some particularly lovely sentiments expressed.

Elyat, I would like to compliment Krystal for the Loscon 49 party. The first time I have seen a lot of people in that room enjoying themselves and buying memberships. It was a lot of fun.

Loscon 49/Marketing

Michelle We are on track for a really good con, we are going to implement some ambitious

things. Hopefully in a few weeks I will have a couple big announcements. Everyone seemed to be excited about next year. Memberships are \$50, we have a Military/Veteran discount this year. Our Guests of Honor are Peter S. Beagle Writer guest of honor, Echo Chernick Artist guest of honor and Elayne Pelz Fan guest of honor.

Matthew: Evan's Freehafer Award, Susan will you announce it, "Eylat Poliner is our winner for 2022. Now we will work on picking a nominee for next year.

Board Meeting on Dec 11th, via Zoom

Tad: Terrific con, great substance during the day and also great parties at night. As for Loscon 49, your vice chair is 17, to be 18 by the convention. Is a great opportunity to reach and market Loscon 49 for the younger demographic.

Programming: Eylat

Tonight Nominations for President

Dec 8 Procedural Officer and President Elections

Mar 2 Laura Brodian Freas Beraha an exhibit of Kelly Freas Artwork

Old Business Nominations for President of the LASFS for first half of 2023

Proctored by Charles L Jackson II

Nominated: Cathy Johnson by Eylat & accepted

New Business we got none

Time bound announcements

Kevin LA Comic Con is this weekend downtown

Next Wed at LA Breakfast Club, director of the Cal Tech Heritage Project will be speaking.

Chris: My birthday is Sunday

Nick: Movie showings and book signings

Charles: CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices facebook page opened earlier today.

Moment of Science

Lynn: Remember the excitement over finding fossil human footprints, dated at @23,000 BP, at White Sands, New Mexico? That date is now under serious review. Critics have noted that prehistoric water levels were fluctuating, so that the ditch grass seeds used to derive that date could have floated up from a lower level. Stay tuned for more "unsettled" science.

Lee: No reason to stay away from social media, because they are paralyzed. New version of mental interfaces, called IBrain, still requires probes to be inserted into the brain. Could be the basis for further developments.

Nick Cal Tech may have created a Quantum digital wormhole, Physicist Maria Spurafalo, co-authored an article in Nature magazine, used quantum computing to create a baby wormhole. Team created a digital simulation in a quantum computing system of two digital Black Holes and showed how data traveled in ways that should only work in a wormhole. Confirms how a wormhole could be created. It also fills the gap between Einstein and Quantum physics, as Einstein predicted decades ago, so maybe it can be figured out.

Regular Announcements

Eylat needs help sorting Karl Lembke's belongings that are being moved to a new storage unit, after the new year.

Chris Visited George today, he is improving, doing stand ups on his own. Once that becomes easy, then he will move to the next level of therapy.

Reviews

Eylat: Loscon 48 Noticed that panel attendees were having a good time. The Green room and the parties had people having a good time. Alexander James Adams had a great response to his concert. Tim Griffin's concert was fun. I will reiterated how good Krystal Rain's Loscon 49 party went, it's been so long since a con party has been so much fun. I am glad I got to go to it. What I saw when not in hospitality, I saw people having a good time.

Lee: New TV show 1899, just when I saw the image, I got the vibes of Lost. It starts with a bunch people who are on a journey seemingly with reasons of their own, there are hints of connections, and then they are sidetracked by a mystery and there are all kinds of supernatural things. Plenty of room for more things to develop.

Krystal I want to mention that Matthew, you, Debra and Ben were missed as well as the other 17 staff members who were not at Loscon. One of the most notable things about this convention are all the compliments by the attendees and panelists, because we were 20 people short on staffing. Anyone that was there on staff, you could ask for help, because we all knew we were short staffed. Those here on this call and those not, know that you were all appreciated for helping unload, load and the variety of other things. We aren't talking about how it went to rub it in, but that the fact that everyone pitched in to make it a good con with that many staff missing was great and that I hope that it carries over to next year when we do have people, because it can only make it a better con.

Charles: As someone who had 3 panels one afternoon I have to say that the shortage of staff did not bother the professionals at the con. I had a marvelous time. I got to see a lot of people I don't usually get to see. The panels I was on and the panels I saw, everyone was having a great time. Which means that this can only make next year bigger and better.

Nick: I watched the Guardian's of the Galaxy holiday special which was better and funnier than I expected. Then I saw the trailer for the third Guardians of the Galaxy, watch the holiday special first, because the trailer might make you sad before the holidays.

Steven Speilbergs movie, The Fablemans, if you have ever wondered about Spielberg's vision of creativity and creation, that is this movie. With some funny moments, it is a really interesting movie about growing up wanting to be a creator. Lots of great moments.

Susan, watch the holiday special through the credits for the bonus.

Matthew I will briefly say that the final episode of Andor turned out to be really interesting. I was a little confused in moments, but it was really good and worth waiting for after the credits.

Misc

Cathy Join us for the aftermeeting. Link in the chat

Eylat Move to adjourn