

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4463

Feb. 23, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Susan Fox stood in for Smith.

Hatchings

- Actress Emily Blunt
- Actor Josh Gad
- Actress Majel Barrett
- Sociologist and civil rights activist W. E. B. Du Bois
- LASFSian Genny Dazzo

Dispatchings

- Actress Stella Stevens

On this day in history

- 1782: Engineer James Watt's patent for new methods to produce a continued rotation motion—the sun and planet gear
- 1954: Dr. Jonas Salk began the first mass polio vaccination at Arsenal Elementary School in Pittsburgh
- 1997: Scottish scientists announce the cloning of an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly"

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes.

Additions and Corrections

- Barbara Gratz Harmon clarified that Jim Harmon's birthdate is April 21; his date of death was Feb. 16.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$6, won, and named them "Thank You, Craig, for Speaking Tonight."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Maureen Garrett was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox and Craig Miller. Garrett received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner): Upcoming programs include a presentation by Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Beraha on the art of Kelly Freas on March 2, a virtual reality demonstration by Kristen Renee Gorlitz on March 23, author Charles Lee Jackson II on April 6, author David Brin rescheduled for April 20, author Todd McCaffrey on May 11, nominations for club president June 1, and nominations for and election of procedural offices June 8.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Through February, the Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio. Eylat Poliner bid \$20, then \$25, won, and opted to keep it SCIFI.radio for March.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Christine Lipscomb joined the LASFS as a member.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. The deadline to pay annual dues is the end of March.

Time-Bound Announcements

- Eylat Poliner: Due to inclement weather, the Karl Lembke storage unit work session will not occur this weekend. The Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society will still meet at Super Wok in Tarzana.
- Damon Brown: NPR will host the Metropolitan Opera's tribute to Ukraine: <https://www.metopera.org/about/press-releases/for-ukraine-a-concert-of-remembrance-and-hope-to-be-presented-by-the-metropolitan-opera-on-the-one-year-anniversary-of-the-war-friday-february-24-at-7pm-et/>
- Michelle Pincus: Loscon and the LASFS Library are tabling at the Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show on March 19: <https://www.la-vintage-paperback-show.com>
- Damon Brown: Filmapalooza, the 48 Hour Film Project's annual International Film Festival, occurs in Los Angeles in March: <https://48hourfilmproj.zohobackstage.com/Filmapalooza2023InternationalFilmFestivalinLA>

Special Guest: Craig Miller

Miller's presentation touched on the emerging mainstream popularity of sf in the 1970s; his anecdotal memoir *Star Wars Memories*; Leigh Brackett, Alan Dean Foster, Ray Bradbury, and Raymond Chandler; how C-3PO and R2-D2 met the Muppets; and future book projects.

Reviews

- Eylat Poliner commented on *Star Trek: Picard*.

Miscellaneous

- Chris Marble updated LASFSians on the health of George Mulligan.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.