

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4474

May 11, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

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

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Doug McClure
- Physicist Richard Feynman
- Comedian and actor Foster Brooks

Media anniversary

Bride of the Monster premiered on this day in 1955 in Hollywood under the title *Bride of the Atom*.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for May 4, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Charles Lee Jackson II clarified the title of *Chick Carter, Detective*.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Dean Johnson bid \$7, won, and named them "Cathy's Birthday Present."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Eylat Poliner explained patron saints for attending guests.

Bob Null was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Lee Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, and Eylat Poliner. Null received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - June 1: Nominations open for club president
 - June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Gina Risemerg submitted a new-member form. Rachael Kuintzle also joined the meeting as a guest. Both introduced themselves, and we welcomed them.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Our next board meeting is June 11.

Special Event: Todd McCaffrey

McCaffrey read an excerpt from the first L.A. Witch book, *Birthday*. He also read a portion of *Raw Space*, the first Canaris Rift book. Questions from LASFSans and the resulting discussion concentrated on the freedom offered by writing for middle-grade readers, the availability of Anne McCaffrey's books as ebooks, grammar resources, and whether *Avatar: The Way of Water* ripped off McCaffrey's concept of the Impression.

Miscellaneous

- Susan Fox reported that Westercon has been canceled. Loscon 49 will host Westercon members, and the annual Westercon meeting will occur at Loscon.
- Charles Lee Jackson II announced that Farley the Fiddler's joke was broadcast on *Ghosts*.
- Matthew Mitchell indicated that Gallifrey One's hotel rooms open up for reservations tomorrow.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded and fourthed, but not thrided. The ayes had it.