

## **Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS**

### **Meeting #4527**

May 16, 2024

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 Yvonne Craig (b. May 16, 1937; d. Aug. 17, 2015)
- Actor and director Lloyd Kino (b. May 16, 1919; d. July 21, 2012)
- Actor, producer, and director David Boreanaz (b. May 16, 1969)
- Courtesy of Eylat Poliner: Poliner reminded LASFSans of a belated happy birthday for Cathy Johnson (b. May 10).
- Courtesy of Scribbles: LASFS member, Rotsler Award winner, and APA-L cover artist Ulrika O'Brien (b. May 10, 1962)

#### Dispatchings

- Director, producer, and actor Roger Corman (b. April 5, 1926; d. May 9, 2024)
- Producer and actor Mark Damon (b. April 22, 1933; d. May 12, 2024)

#### Media anniversary

On this date in 2014, the American-made *Godzilla* was released, rebooting the franchise.

### **Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)**

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for March 21 and April 11, 2024.

### **Additions and Corrections**

- March 21, 2024: None
- April 11, 2024: Cathy Johnson asked to amend the Moment of Science from Rob Powell to indicate he presented the slideshow from a cruise ship off the coast of Baja California.

### **Auction to Name the Minutes**

- March 21, 2024: Dr. Susie Searight bid \$6, won, and named them "A Blast from the Past."
- April 11, 2024: Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named them "Really Cool, Rob. Thank You."

### **Call for Approval**

- March 21, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

- April 11, 2024: Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Tom Digby was celebrated and recognized by Jay Freeman, Lee Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, Eylat Poliner, Scribbles, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Digby received three cheers—and some bubbles.

### **Committee Reports**

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
  - June 6: President nominations
  - June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections
  - June 27: In-person meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
  - Loscon 50 will take place Thanksgiving weekend at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.
  - Guests of honor include writer Spider Robinson, artist Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, artist ghost Frank Kelly Freas, musician Kathy Mar, and fans Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller.
  - There will be a maker room, a masquerade, hall costume awards, a costume repair station, tabletop and electronic gaming, and movie screenings hosted by Thomas Safer.
  - Our fundraising will benefit the American Cancer Society. Christian B. McGuire will host an auction. If you have items to include, ship them to Eylat Poliner's house or bring them to the con office.
    - If you knit, crochet, or sew, we're making caps for people currently undergoing treatment.
    - A toy drive will be arranged by Mark Poliner for Toys for Tots.
- Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble)
  - George Mulligan's motivation is low.
  - Greg Barrett is still facing challenges. If anyone can volunteer to bring him to the consulate screening, let me know.
  - Selina Phanara is visiting the dentist.
  - Marble hopes to visit Don Fitch next week.
  - Reg Franchi's father has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

### **Honor Guard** (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50.

### **Registrar** (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Heide Nichols and introduced a guest of the LASFS, Bryan Frank, an

aspiring writer. He's doing research to find a tribe to hang out with and learn from. Poliner explained the club and welcomed him.

Poliner also welcomed Aly Abramowitz, Peggy Wu, Alex Garganigo, and Derek LaPorte.

#### **Treasurer** (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. We have a couple of people who owe dues.

#### **Board Report** (Matthew B. Tepper)

The next meeting of the LASFS board of directors will be Sunday, June 2. It's been moved to accommodate people who will be at another event on the second Sunday in June. We'll be taking up the reworded amendment to the By-Laws. A subcommittee has delivered an alternate version. The board will discuss it and then return to the club. The meetings are open to members. Please come.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Nick Smith
  - American Cinematheque will screen *Bram Stoker's Dracula* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood.
  - Brain Dead Studios will show *Alphaville*, *Toy Story*, *I Saw the Devil*, and *Blood Simple*.
  - The New Beverly Cinema will host *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* and *House of Frankenstein*.
  - Vidiots will screen *Mortal Kombat*, *Chicken Run*, *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* with a Bob Baker Marionette Theater performance beforehand, and *Johnny Mnemonic* in black and white.
  - The Laemmle NoHo 7 will host the 2024 Geek Fest Film Festival, two nights of short genre films. (<https://geekfestla.com/>)
- Scribbles reminded people that it's the final weekend of the Renaissance Pleasure Faire.

#### **Moments of Science**

- Eylat Poliner: In New York, there's this big round video thing where people can wave to people in Dublin. It's really, really cool. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/16/nyregion/new-york-dublin-portal-closed.html>)
- James DeTar mentioned an Ashlee Vance article about the first human being to receive a brain interface implant, Neuralink. The recipient is setting records. (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2024-05-16/neuralink-s-first-patient->

[describes-living-with-brain-implant](#))

### **Regular Announcements**

- Lee Grixit expressed gratitude and respect to Elayne Pelz. He won a book at the auction last week and was a little slow to pay for it. Two days later, it arrived in the mail. She's very prompt and responsive.

### **Reviews**

- Matt Mitchell: The first two episodes of the new season of *Doctor Who* indicate that Ncuti Gatwa has jumped into the role in a way similar to that of Matt Smith and perhaps Tom Baker.
- Scribbles commented on the September-October 2023 issue of *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*. It's amazing, astounding, compelling, dynamic, fantastic, uncanny, and weird.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Nick Smith: Seanan McGuire was recently inaugurated into the Filk Music Hall of Fame in Toronto. Filk is where she started.
- Matthew B. Tepper recently had Mohs surgery to remove something from his face. It is entirely gone, and the area is now healing.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting
- Charles Lee Jackson II: As of two days ago, his most recent book is out, *J-Men Vs. Alien Invaders*.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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