

Minutes of LASFS Meeting #4437
Aug 25, 2022 Call to Order at 8:00 p.m

Charles: Eric Hoffman, is in ICU at West Hills. Second story of his home caught fire. Cannot have visitors, not expected to survive.

Matthew: Fan Writer Alexi Panchin passed away at the age of 82

Reading of the minutes: Lynn Maners \$5 bid to name the minutes, "Attention Undergraduates, Wikipedia is NOT a credible source." Moved to accept the minutes/accepted.

Nick

Deaths

Tom Palmer, Comic Artist Dark Fantasy/Horror and Superhero Pen and Ink artist.

Birthdays

Tim Burton, Producer and Director, Fired by Disney for producing Hansel and Gretel, nightmare provoking. Many fannish films since.

Michael Rennie Day the Earth Stood Still & Lots of SF TV in the 1960's .

Sean Connery has a host of amazing films.

John Steers Special Effects guru for works based on Ian Fleming books, special effects on James Bond films & Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, gadgets and vehicle designs in many films over the years.

Marilyn Niven, in addition to her work with LASFS/Loscon, she is one of the founders of NESFA (New England Science Fantasy Association, active in the Georgette Heyer Society)

CLJII Honor Guard Loscon 48

Bid for September space \$31 by Nick Smith, for Loscon 48

Patron Saints

Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven

Larry Niven: Marilyn has been keeping me sane since they met in 1967, we married in 1969 and she would not be the man he is without her help. She was active at LASFS/Loscon ran the Art Show. She has slowed down a bit, but still Fuzzy Pink Niven.

Heathrow, Super new to the club and I have never met Marilyn, but we speak of her often in the pages of APA-L and LASFAPA in the context of Fuzzy's Law, we often cite it, "you have to give comments to get comments". So we think of her often.

Matthew: Even when not working directly on the Art Show, she has been supportive with contacts, "keeper of order" with lists and such.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven

Michelle Pincus

Eylat: I am honored to say things about Michelle, the work she does for the club is endless, You have no idea how much work she does for the club. Her love for the club is limitless.

Debra: Good person and hard worker. She cares a lot about the club and members, she's done a lot for Loscon.

Kristine: Michelle is awesome, can't say enough good things about her she is sweet & kind

Dennis, See all her hard work with the website and when we were guests of honor. Song "we love you Michelle"

Kevin, Super welcoming to me and generous

Tom Safer: Happy to know her, She is dedicated and hardworking

Richard: I remember Michelle as probably one of the most interesting people I met at Lenny Dorsky's Halloween party who was not a LASFS Member. I dragged her to a meeting and she went from being dubious to basically a force of nature within our club and at this point I would call her a paragon, she works so hard and is so dedicated. She's my favorite "Elf Girl", we love you.

Chris Marble Favorite Pokemon player, haven't gotten together as much since covid

Nick When I started actually coming to the club 20 years ago, Michelle was the first club officer who went out of her way to welcome him to the club. She spent many years as the Registrar, she has a

great welcoming outgoing personality. She is also the Chairman of the Board of the organization. Matthew, Good friend for decades, as a worker, not only has the big picture, but also the details. If you are working on something and need help, she is always right there.

Three rousing cheers for Michelle Pincus

Chat comments: Eylat: She is an amazing MahJong player and great job as chairperson

Maryann there was a glitch with a lost reservation for a big anniversary dinner for the club and Michelle fixed it quickly and graciously

Treasurer Pay your dues, \$4 a week, last Thursday of the month so next week \$12 for the month
We have no money, don't spend it.

Registrar Eylat

Guest: Chris Spraulding from North Hollywood, found us on Meetup and Wikipedia page. Fascinated by the club's history. Interested in Mid-century SF. Gamer, media fan, Software engineer
"He is happy to be here" Big Science Fiction fan and interested in the history that is fascinating.

Sandra Park

Joined the club in the mid 80's, been to a few of the online versions. Not able to come regularly.
We are glad you are here.

Website Report: Kristen Cherry

New Page "What's a LASFS" with testimonials

If anyone would like to share something new and positive to encourage new members.

She will be adding new photos from the old database, she will be sharing photos on the FB group and would like help ID'ing the photos.

Thank you Eylat for the programming in chat,

September 22 - Larry Niven

September 29: David Gerrold

10/6 - Forry Award Nominations and vote

10/20 – Kevin Segall

11/3 - Board nominations

11/10 - Board vote

11/24 - Live meeting at Loscon 48

12/1 - Nominations for President

12/8 - Nominations and vote for procedural officers of the club

Thank you Charles for all you do regarding the elections and proctoring

Loscon 48: Email blast went out, to remind folks to reserve hotel rooms and memberships and about our guests of honor.

Board Report/Marketing Michelle,

Thank you for the lovely things said

No Sept board meeting/next meeting on Oct

We will be tabling at Strategicon

Cards will be taken World con by Matthew/Debra

No old business

No new business

Time Bound announcements

Eylat 4.0 A for Political Science and A for History

Nick

Theater showings

Tom

His last LASFS meeting for a while, as he is back in choir and he will miss us.

Matthew: Several people heading to World Con, and Matthew will be doing one panel, "Fan Clubs in the 21st century, on Monday opposite closing ceremonies

Will be missing the president and both treasurers.

The ghost of Bruce Pelz is laughing at the idea of Debra and I being the power couple.

Moment of Science

Tom Safer Today in Science

Arnold Neustadter American inventor of the Rolodex

Joshua Lionel Cowen American inventor of the electric toy train and founder of Lionel Trains

Event: In 1981 on this day Voyager 2 came near Saturn's cloud cover, saw not a few, but thousands of rings, and photos of a number of moons. It continued through the solar system and left it.

Charles: It should be remembered any object that leaves earth and leaves our solar system does so because of Dan Alderson Without LASFS, Earth would be an island.

Nick: Moment in Astronomy that happened a long time ago, but we are only noticing it now.

Beetlequese was yellow long ago, then it was red pulsing, and now it's not pulsing, it's unlikely this phase of red wobbly won't end in our lifetime, it should happen for a million years. But they have not seen this pattern

Lynn A mammoth processing site in Texas has been dated at 37,000 BP (Before Present/Years Ago). It is not known whether the mammoth was killed and then processed or whether it was a scavenged carcass. However, it is clearly associated with stone tools and cut marks and holes appear on the bones. This has pushed back the earliest credible date for Homo sapiens in North America by about 7,000 years.

Regular Announcements

Heath: Marty Cantor his health has taken a turn, and he was not able to get the APA-L out last week, because of his health, he has been checking on him, as well as John Hertz, and can Nick check on him. This chemo is having a lot of effects that are making him tired and affecting mobility.

Eylat: offered to mail a card on behalf of the club.

Dean: 50 years since Apollo, they are getting ready to launch the unmanned Artemis 1 to around the moon and further getting back to the moon. To shoot it off on Monday.

Tom Loscon announcements: His film program

Featuring travel films, The Great Race, Around the world in 80 days, 20,000 Leagues under the Sea etc.

Charles: Don't forget the 3 stooges go around the world in a daze?

Reviews

Eylat Sandman on netflix, just came out, absolutely amazing

Tom Wrath of Khan on Amazon prime, picked up the collection of all 6 films, there is a bonus cd with extra interviews with and it was well worth the price because of that bonus

Cathy House of Dragons: first episode, prequel to Game of Thrones, Enjoyed it, lots of fun, looks interesting and looks like it will be even more interesting. Dr. Who actor is in it. On HBO Max.

Misc

Cathy Invitation to the after meeting in the chat

Charles: I've been diagnosed with a respiratory ailment, but it doesn't affect my breathing

Eylat move to adjourn/Matthew see you folks in 2 weeks, have a good time whether you are going to world con or not.