

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4476

May 25, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Susan Fox stood in for Cathy Johnson and called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Ann Robinson
- Actor Brec Bassinger
- Puppeteer, director, and actor Frank Oz
- Producer, director, and screenwriter Bob Gale

Dispatchings

- Musician Tina Turner
- Actor Ray Stevenson

Media anniversary

Susan Fox: May 25 is the anniversary of *Star Wars'* original premiere. In Terry Pratchett fandom, The People's Revolution of the Glorious Twenty-Fifth of May is depicted in *Night Watch*.

In Douglas Adams fandom, it is Towel Day, organized by fen after his death.

Nick Smith: May 25 is not only the anniversary of two of the first three Star Wars movies, but also the movie *Alien*.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for May 18, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox bid \$5, won, and named them "Happy Birthday, R-Laurraine!"

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Deedee Lavender was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox. Lavender received three cheers.

Joyce Lloyd was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble. Lloyd 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
- Loscon 49 (Eylat Poliner)
 - The con will be held over Thanksgiving weekend
 - Michelle Pincus is the chair
 - Elayne Pelz just sent out Progress Report #1
 - Krystal Rains: Nerd Mafia will participate
 - Chris Marble: Westercon will be hosted at Loscon too

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is up for bidding for the month of June. Susan Fox bid \$10, won, and dedicated the spot to a picture of her dog.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We welcomed a return guest this week: Tim Friedline.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues, as normal. We're at the end of the month, so next week we can collect monthly dues, \$12 for the month.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Susan Fox stood in for Michelle Pincus. The next board meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Impromptu Program: Memories of the opening of *Star Wars*

Susan Fox, Tim Friedline, Lee Grixit, Barbara Gratz Harmon, Charles Lee Jackson II, Christine Lipscomb, Chris Marble, Matthew Mitchell, Eylat Poliner, Scribbles, Nick Smith, and J.P. Van Gordon shared stories about their first experiences watching *Star Wars*.

Time-Bound Announcements

- Krystal Rains reminded LASFSans about tabling at Strategicon's Gamex this weekend.
- Nick Smith: American Cinematheque is showing the 1954 version of *Godzilla* on Saturday. On Sunday they're showing the relatively recent movie *Wonder Woman*.

- In Santa Clarita, there's a silent movie festival this weekend: the Newhallywood Silent Film Festival. (<https://santaclaritaarts.com/newhallywood>)
- Charles Lee Jackson II: Splash Mountain will close Tuesday. It will be refurbished as another ride.
- Chris Marble: This is the last weekend for the Los Angeles County Fair.
 - The Koroneburg Renaissance Festival starts this weekend.
 - Susan Fox: The SCA will have demonstrations there all five weekends.

Moments of Science

- Tim Friedline: NASA is developing a new rover they want to send to Saturn's ice moon, Enceladus. It'll be snakelike so it can better maneuver through ice and water.
 - Lee Grixit joked that the dolphins of Enceladus have now reached the 1950s with their first science fiction movie: *Serpents from Space*.
- Eylat Poliner: Mushrooms can now be made into an urn to contain cremation ashes. The urn takes nine days to decompose. Caskets made the same way take 45 days to decompose.

Regular Announcements

- Eylat Poliner: She might not be able to attend the June 8 meeting. She hereby accepts the nomination for registrar.

Reviews

- Lee Grixit recommends *Mrs. Davis* streaming on Peacock.
- Christine Lipscomb has been enjoying the humor of an animated Netflix program called *Alien TV*.
- Nick Smith is intrigued by the classical music aspect of the movie *Chevalier*.

Miscellaneous

- Nola Frame-Gray asked whether the voices of Fozzie Bear and Yoda were both performed by Frank Oz. Nick Smith assured her they had been.

Call to Adjourn

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