

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4482

July 6, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Sebastian Cabot
- Actor William Schallert
- Actor Burt Ward
- Composer, director, and editor John Ottman
- Illustrator Rick Sternbach

Dispatchings

- Actor Alan Arkin
- Producer Lawrence Turman

Media anniversary

On this date in 1975, the David Cronenberg movie *Shivers* came out. (*IMDb Pro* suggests the release date was Oct. 10, 1975)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for June 29, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Nola Frame-Gray commented that one of the disturbing features of zombie cells is that they don't die. Scientists are researching medicine to make them do so.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Anita Nunez bid \$5, won, and named them "Fannish Union Complete!" in honor of her recent marriage to Victor Khaze.

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as commented on, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Doug Abe was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Abe received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Susan Fox):
 - July 13: Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*
 - Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
 - Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36: Tinkered Starsong Book 1*—please wear blue or teal to match her book cover
 - Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
 - Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, Aerospace Legacy Foundation
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus):
 - Tim Griffin will not only attend Loscon this year—but perform.
 - Heide Nichols is working on an evening programming track, so be sure to reserve your hotel room.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49, which will be held over Thanksgiving weekend. Be there or be square.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Heide Nichols stood in for Eylat Poliner.

We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

For tonight's auction, if you win a bid, please send your email to Pelz so she can contact you with shipping costs.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is July 9 at 11 a.m.

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith announced that longtime Disneyland fan and toy collector Joel Magee is selling off more than 1,500 pieces from his private collection at auction through Van Eaton Galleries. The Joel Magee Disneyland Collection auction will run July 17-19. A pop-up exhibition of the collection will run until July 16 at the Burbank Town Center Mall.
- Damon Brown is meeting with the Arkansas Free Thinkers Group on July 9 to start a Center of Inquiry in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Special Event: The Big Auction

The LASFS held an auction to raise money for the club. Members bid on items including collectible stamps, coasters, cups and mugs, action figures, and other items. There were

multiple Disney-related items on hand. A total of \$93 was raised for the LASFS. Thank you to everyone who bid!

Regular Announcements

- Chris Marble visited George Mulligan, who left his room walking for the first time in several months.
- Susan Fox: The Society for Creative Anachronism recently crowned Lorissa du Griffin (Lora Boehm) as the Queen of Caid, the southern California kingdom. She'll serve as queen through December.
- Matt Mitchell: All 12 seasons of *Red Dwarf* are now available on Tubi.
- Nick Smith
 - The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Minority Report* and *Finding Nemo* this weekend. They will also offer a Cartoon Club program and *A Clockwork Orange*.
 - American Cinematheque at the Aero Theatre will screen *Tenet* and *2001: A Space Odyssey*.
 - J. Michael Straczynski is scheduled to appear at the San Diego Comic-Con to promote the animated *Babylon 5*.
- Dean Johnson: Cinespia will screen *Poltergeist* at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery on Aug. 26. (<https://cinespia.org/event/poltergeist-2/>)
- Christian B. McGuire received a text. His enthusiasm was unmuted.

Reviews

- Charles Lee Jackson II: *Road to Utopia*, starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and Dorothy Lamour, is told largely in flashback, and features Santa Claus and a talking bear.
- Nick Smith went to see the animated film *Elemental*, which was surprisingly good and suitable for adults. It was very well written.
- Jackson has also been reading Disney movie distributor commentary from the 1930s and 1940s. Several distributors requested that Disney stop making features and return to making shorts because distributors made more money from the cartoons.

Miscellaneous

- Charles Lee Jackson II recently went to Wal-Mart in Burbank. It's exactly one half mile from the bus stop to the store. It's more than a half mile back, for some reason.
 - He highly endorses Baskin-Robbins' Sundae Funday and Icing on the Cake.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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