

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

### **Meeting #4486**

Aug. 3, 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

- Author Clifford D. Simak
- Author, educator, and LASFSan John DeChancie
- Director John Landis
- Actor Brigid Brannagh
- Voice actor Corey Burton
- Bjo Trimble's 90th birthday is Aug. 15. Cathy Johnson asked Scribbles to send a birthday card on behalf of the LASFS.

#### Dispatchings

- Conductor and composer Carl Davis
- Actor and journalist Betty Ann Bruno (July 30, 2023)
- Actor Marc Gilpin (July 29, 2023)
- Courtesy of Charles Lee Jackson II: Actor Melinda Peterson (Aug. 2, 2023)
- Actor and comedian Paul Reubens (July 30, 2023)

#### Media anniversary

On this date in 1932, *Doctor X* was released. On this date in 1951, the first episode of *Tales of Tomorrow* was aired. And in 2007, the live-action movie *Underdog* reached the big screen.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for July 27, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

Jim DeTar indicated that a room-temperature superconductor has been created.

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

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Godspeed, Pee-wee Herman, on Your Next Great Adventure."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Sean Cleary was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marbles, Heide Nichols, and Nick Smith. Cleary received three cheers.

David Okamura was celebrated and recognized by Christian B. McGuire, Heide Nichols, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, and Nick Smith. Okamura received three cheers—and a paper box of boom.

### **Committee Reports**

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier, science adviser for movies and television
  - Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, author of *Divinity 36* and *Demigod 12*, the first two Tinkered Starsong books
  - Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoon shorts after the meeting
  - Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation
  - Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
  - Oct. 14: Forry Award nominations and vote
  - Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
  - Nov. 9: Meeting #4500 and Board of Directors election
  - Nov. 16: History of the LASFS featuring longtime LASFSans
  - Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
  - Dec. 7: Nominations for president
  - Dec. 14: Procedural elections
  - Dec. 28: Loscon retrospective
- Loscon (Michelle Pincus)
  - Pendragon Costumes will be in the Dealer's Room at Loscon

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

The Spot of Honor is held by the Los Angeles 48 Hour Film Project.

### **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests or new members to report.

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

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. We've had some scofflaws recently.

### **Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting will be Aug. 13 at 11 a.m.

### **Old Business**

Cathy Johnson said we're still exploring the idea of meeting in person. Elayne Pelz reported that

she no longer has the correct phone number for the church. Tom Safer will look up American Lutheran Church and send Pelz the contact information.

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Nick Smith
  - The Egyptian Theatre Hollywood and Vista Theatre are still scheduled to reopen by the end of the year.
  - The American Cinematheque will screen *Rosemary's Baby* at the Los Feliz Theater multiple times, as well as the anime film *Grave of the Fireflies*.
  - The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Dawn of the Dead* on Friday and *Inside Out* on Saturday and Sunday.
- Susan Fox
  - Member Damon Brown is in LA for the 48 Hour Film Project.
- Dean Johnson
  - The WGA Garage Sale auction is going on (<https://www.wgaragesale.org>, <https://www.instagram.com/wgaragesale23>, and <https://wgaragesale.ggo.bid>)
  - Susan Fox: It benefits the Entertainment Community Fund.

### **Moments of Science**

- Tom Safer with Today in Science ([https://www.todayinsci.com/8/8\\_03.htm](https://www.todayinsci.com/8/8_03.htm))
  - John T. Scopes
  - Robert Ernest House
  - Elisha Graves Otis
  - Event: Submarine
- Lynn Maners: Writing systems have been independently created five times in human history. That includes the language rongorongo from Easter Island. People are exploring how to represent the African “mb” with only one symbol.
- Lee Grixit reported that no one has debunked the claims of creating a room-temperature superconductor yet. Several labs have succeeded in producing the superconductive material, which exhibits exotic magnetic properties.
- Jim DeTar talked about the blue whale’s larger predecessor, an extinct whale called the P. colossus. Italian archaeologists have found ribs and vertebrae from the creature.
- Nola Frame-Gray reported that COVID-19 is on the rise. Reported data might not be an accurate gauge of its prevalence.

### **Regular Announcements**

- Tom Safer continues to screen movies at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library. *Frozen II* is scheduled for Aug. 19.
- Krystal Rains indicated that Strategicon’s third event of the year will be held over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-4. Loscon will table.

## Reviews

- Heide Nichols remarked on volunteering at Midsummer Scream last weekend. It's a fantastic con that reminded her of the early days of Anime Expo and the San Diego Comic-Con.
- Chris Marbles reported that Creation, the *Star Trek* con, is occurring in Las Vegas from Aug. 3-6. Also, he visited George Mulligan today; Mulligan sends his regards.
- Nick Smith attended the Octavia Butler book discussion last weekend. Response was so strong that the organizers will plan future events.
- Charles Lee Jackson II commented on the Orange County Fair, which was a little bit smaller this year. It ends Aug. 13.
- Cathy Johnson binged on *Good Omens* Season 2 on Amazon Prime. It was a lot of fun—and funny.

## Miscellaneous

- Lynn Maners indicated that since his automobile accident, he's become extremely aware of speeders in Tucson.
- Charles Lee Jackson II finished his hand therapy sessions.
- Nick Smith thanked Heath Row for helping take Marty Cantor's fanzine collection to UC-Riverside last weekend. The library was excited to receive the collection. If you are interested in printers or bookcases, let Smith know.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

## Call to Adjourn

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