

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

### **Meeting #4491**

Sept. 7, 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 John William Polidori
- Fan and publisher Gerry de la Ree
- Actor and singer Mira Furlan
- Filmmaker Alex Kurtzman
- Courtesy of Susan Fox
  - Queen Elizabeth I
  - Actor Toby Jones
  - Comedian and actor Leslie Jones
  - Actor Julie Kavner
  - Actor Jonathan Majors

#### Dispatchings

- Actor Gayle Hunnicutt (d. Aug. 31, 2023)
- Musician and composer Gary Wright (d. Sept. 4, 2023)

#### Media anniversary

This date was the premier of *Queen of Outer Space* in 1958.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Edith Head's costuming from *Forbidden Planet* was also used in *Queen of Outer Space*.

Courtesy of Susan Fox: *True Blood* premiered on this date in 2008.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Aug. 31, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

Tad Daley had suggested that Safer quit choir and sing to us instead.

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

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Welcome, Arlene Busby and the Aerospace Legacy Foundation."

## **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

## **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Greg Bilan was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson and Chris Marble. Bilan received three cheers—and a Klingon forehead.

Emil Luwish was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Chris Marble. Luwish received three cheers

## **Committee Reports**

- Loscon (Michelle Pincus)
  - Loscon 49 is coming up. It's going to be amazing. It's going to be lots of fun.
- Programming (Susan Fox, for Eylat Poliner)
  - Tonight's program: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation.
  - Sept. 14: Aldo Spadoni, on conceptual aerospace design in science fiction
  - Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
  - Oct. 12: 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

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

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

## **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

We have a guest tonight, Simmie Noble Collins. She introduced herself to the club. She honors the memory of her husband by continuing their bookselling business.

Collins is already a member, so she just needs to start paying dues again.

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

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Just because we got a grant doesn't mean we can't keep donating. Donate!

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

The next board meeting is Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

## **Old Business**

Elayne Pelz: The church has fallen through on us. We aren't going to be able to use it.

## **New Business**

None

## **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Nick Smith
  - Dark Delicacies will hold a signing Saturday with Jonathan Maberry to feature three of his books
  - The New Beverly Cinema is showing *Chicken Run* for its weekend matinee.
- Chris Marble caught COVID-19 but is better now. He's not visiting anyone for a while.
- Charles Lee Jackson II: The Food Network Halloween cooking competition shows begin this weekend.

## **Special Event:** Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation

Busby gave a presentation on the ALF, of which she's been president for seven years. The organization concentrates on preserving the NASA site in Downey—and the Columbia Memorial Space Center. The membership includes engineers who worked on the Apollo and shuttle programs, as well as others, and enthusiasts. The ALF also partners with Oasis, the local chapter of the National Space Society, and offers a speakers bureau for school and library programs. An active conrunner—Busby chaired Westercon 75 and runs programming for Loscon 49—she also spearheads the ALF's OuteRimCon, which will resume in 2024.

LASFSans asked questions, and the resulting discussion focused on Busby's introduction to aerospace, the importance of aerospace engineers—not just astronauts—commercial space companies such as SpaceX, and portrayals of the aerospace industry in science fiction.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Cathy Johnson reminded people about the aftermeeting.
- Chris Marble: George Mulligan's physical therapy has started again. Marble was waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test as he spoke, so to speak.
  - Johnson: Krystal Rains also recently contracted COVID-19.
  - Susan Fox encouraged people to get the new vaccination before Loscon.
- Charles Lee Jackson II recommended Arthur C. Clarke to Busby.
  - Fox: Clarke was the first virtual guest at a Worldcon in 1977.

## **Call to Adjourn**

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