

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4498

Oct. 26, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

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

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor and film director Bob Hoskins (b. Oct. 26, 1942; d. April 29, 2014)
- Screenwriter, producer, and director Kenneth Johnson (b. Oct. 26, 1942)
- Scholar Jane Chance (b. October 1945)
- Actor Cary Elwes (b. Oct. 26, 1962)

Dispatchings

- Actor and model Richard Roundtree (b. July 9, 1942; d. Oct. 24, 2023)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1966, the Jerry Lewis and Connie Stevens movie *Way... Way Out* was released.

On this date in 1926, the silent Soviet spy film *Miss Mend* (aka *The Adventures of the Three Reporters*) was released.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Oct. 19, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox bid \$10, won, and named them "Shut Up and Give Me the Cookbook."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Lee Jacobs was celebrated and recognized by Scribbles. Jacobs received three cheers.

- Scribbles read an excerpt of a profile of Jacobs that was published in APA-L as part of *Telegraphs & Tar Pits* #39.

Committee Reports

- Loscon 49 (Nick Smith)
 - Arlene Busby has been working on the programming schedule and sent materials to participants for confirmation.
 - Smith will interview Peter S. Beagle on Saturday morning.
 - Cathy Johnson shared additional details about Loscon.
 - Eylat Poliner reminded staff and potential volunteers about the Loscon staff meeting Oct. 28.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
 - Nov. 9: Meeting #4500 and Board of Directors election
 - Nov. 16: History of the LASFS with historical 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)

A shrouded skeleton, not the voice of Vincent Price, stood in for Jackson. The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Hallowe'en Haunts, Highlights, and High-jinks.

(<https://www.facebook.com/HalloweenHauntsHighlightsAndHijinks>)

Gregory Lipscomb bid \$25 for Loscon 49 to hold the Spot of Honor for the next month.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We welcomed a guest, Kayla Denson, who found out about the LASFS from its Web site. She's from Los Angeles and is looking for a community with shared interests, perhaps a fantasy book club. She's a student at UCLA Extension, a literature fan, and a writer. She's also a marketing manager and an associate producer.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. Next week is the beginning of a new month. Donations are also welcome.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Susan Fox stood in for Pincus. The next board meeting is 11 a.m., Nov. 12, 2023.

Old Business

Cathy Johnson indicated that we're still looking for a place to meet in person once a month. If you know of such a place, feel free to gather additional information to bring back to the club. We were not able to meet at the church again.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith:
 - Dark Delicacies will host a signing with horror filmmaker Darren Lynn Bousman for his children's book *But Daddy, We Are Scared*.
 - New Beverly Cinema will show the original *Night of the Living Dead*, *Tales from the Darkside: The Movie*, and *Beetlejuice*.
 - The Los Feliz Theatre will show the Spanish-language version of *Dracula* on Sunday. That night, they're also showing *Omen* (not *The Omen*). They'll later screen *Psycho*.
 - The Aero Theatre will screen *Monster House*, *Dial M for Murder*, and a double feature of *Creature from the Black Lagoon* and *House of Wax*.
 - Landmark's Nuart Theatre hosts late-night screenings of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Friday and Saturday nights.
 - The Old Town Music Hall will screen *Dracula* on Saturday and the 1925 *The Phantom of the Opera* on Sunday with live organ accompaniment.

Moments of Science

- Lee Grixit: There's another possible breakthrough for diabetes, implantables with long-term supplies. You'd have an implant with a couple year's supply of insulin dispensed at proper intervals.
 - There's also a smaller handheld ultrasonic machine that breaks up kidney stones.
 - And there's a new, portable neuro inductive router with minimal attachments to help a patient's brain get their limbs moving again.
- Eylat Poliner: Southwest Airlines will be the first airline to be able to track your luggage in real time. (<https://www.thrillist.com/news/nation/southwest-airlines-baggage-tracker-app-website-launch>)
- Nick Smith: The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory is mapping indicators for possible locations of subterranean ice on Mars. It uses a combination of technologies to measure where ice ought to be.
- Charles Lee Jackson II's skeletal stand in, *Window Ghost*—not *Skeletor*—offered two items:
 - During Jackson's last reading, the story "Fallen Hero" incorporates technology similar to what Grixit described above.
 - Jackson is currently taking several new medications that include side effects. He hasn't yet experienced the side effects, but has experienced the opposite of the side effects.
- Nola Frame-Gray also commented on the insulin implant. They implanted islets of langerhans cells from the pancreas in mice. She doesn't understand why the tissue wasn't rejected.

Regular Announcements

- Scribbles let the club know that he'll be traveling in November. Please record the

meetings, and he'll continue preparing minutes for reading at the meetings.

Reviews

- Eylat Poliner finished watching *Ahsoka*. She felt that the series brought *Star Wars* back even more than *The Mandalorian* did.
- Lee Grixit commented on a silly new cartoon called *Krapopolis*. It's one of those not quite historical things. The gods are a bunch of soap opera characters.
- Kayla Denson has been watching *The Fall of the House of Usher* on Netflix. If you're a fan of Edgar Allan Poe, they draw on a lot of elements of his work. It's very good.

Miscellaneous

- Simmie Noble Collins shared a faux pas. She was listing a rare book on eBay, a first edition of Philip K. Dick's *The Man in the High Castle*. She listed it for \$50 before realizing it sells for anywhere from \$800 to \$3,000. Someone bought it before she was able to edit the listing. She wrote an apology to the buyer, pleading ignorance. The buyer accepted her apology, and she refunded his money. Then eBay relisted the book automatically, and it sold again. She had to do the same thing all over again. Now it might go for \$1,500.
 - Eylat Poliner commented that the LASFS library contains rare books that members can check out.
- Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan has lost more weight and is down 100 pounds from his peak. The potential for a day trip for Christmas exists.
- Window Ghost reminded people about next week's nominations for the board of directors. Charles Lee Jackson II will explain the process fully next week.
 - Eylat Poliner asked whose seats are up for election and checked the LASFS Web site.
 - Scribbles shared the details from *De Profundis*: Nick Smith, Christian B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz, and Rob Powell's seats are up for election.
 - Poliner volunteered to let those folks know that their seats are up for renomination.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members of the aftermeeting.
- Eylat Poliner found an inexpensive Middle Eastern Greek restaurant, Athenian Grill, in Reseda. It might make a good location for the Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS), perhaps in November.
 - Another option could be Hummus Bar & Grill in Tarzana.

Call to Adjourn

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