

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4507

Dec. 28, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 0:57 into the video recording. We are on agenda light tonight because we have a program item.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Maggie Smith (b. Dec. 28, 1934)
- Actor, singer, and dancer Nichelle Nichols (b. Dec. 28, 1932; d. July 30, 2022)
- Comic book writer, editor, publisher, and producer Stan Lee (b. Dec. 28, 1922; d. Nov. 12, 2018)

Dispatchings

- Author Richard Bowes (b. Jan. 8, 1944; d. Dec. 24, 2023)
- Comedian, actor, composer, and musician Tom Smothers (b. Feb. 2, 1937; d. Dec. 26, 2023)
- Actor, writer, director and political activist Richard Franklin (b. Jan. 15, 1936; d. Dec. 25, 2023)
- Local fan, costumer, filker, faned, and writer Marcy Robin (d. Dec. 22, 2023)
- Courtesy of Cathy Johnson: Fan, podcaster, and author Matt Dale (d. Dec. 25, 2023)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1981, the BBC aired the pilot for *K-9 and Company: A Girl's Best Friend*.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles is in Wisconsin for the holidays. The meeting was recorded.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Robbie Bourget was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Victor Khaze, Matt Mitchell, and Eylat Poliner. Bourget received three cheers—and a six pack of Coke.

Marty Cantor was celebrated and recognized by Tad Daley, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Cantor received three cheers.

Elayne Pelz was celebrated and recognized by Kristine Cherry, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Eylat Poliner. Pelz received three cheers—and pay your dues.

Committee Reports

- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)

- The con is next year during Thanksgiving weekend at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.
- Guests of honor include writer Spider Robinson, artist Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, artist ghost Frank Kelly Freas, musician Kathy Mar, and fans Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller.
- Memberships currently cost \$50.
- You can get all the information you need on the Loscon 50 Web site.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Scifi.radio. Next week is next month and next year, so members bid on the Spot of Honor for January 2024. Susan Fox bid \$20, won, and dedicated it to Scifi.radio again.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We don't have any guests at this time.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. This is the last meeting of the year, and you guys have run out of money. We have a couple of people this week who should really pay up. Zelle is preferred because they don't charge fees.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Jan. 14, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

None

Special Event: Loscon 49 Retrospective

Eylat Poliner led a group discussion about Loscon 49, seeking feedback and ideas for improvements to Loscon 50. Members discussed programming planning and timelines, as well as logistics, which was the primary focus. The club needs someone to volunteer to lead logistics in order to better coordinate the inventory, organization, and delivery of items needed for the con. Participants discussed the merits of centralized and department-level inventories—and the need for a general checklist. Kristine Cherry showcased the Web site, indicating opportunities to share additional feedback and ideas. The con staff intends to avoid scheduling conflicts in various programming tracks.

Moments of Science

- None

Regular Announcements

- None

Reviews

- None

Miscellaneous

- Chris Marble: George Mulligan is recovering from a cold.
 - Selina Phanara sends her greetings.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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