

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4458

Jan. 19, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order four minutes into the Zoom recording.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Smith briefly mentioned the health condition of artist Peri Charlifu. There's a GoFundMe account, Peri's Medical Support Fund (<https://gofund.me/2dfb1dda>), available to help raise funds while Charlifu can't sell his work at conventions.

Hatchings

- Actor Dean Fredericks
- Director Richard Lester
- Actor and musician Desi Arnaz Jr.

Dispatchings

- Movie producer Edward Pressman
- Comic book artist David Sutherland
- Actress Gina Lollobrigida
- Poet Les Barker

Media anniversaries

- *Tremors* and Roger Corman's *Brain Dead*

Reading of the Minutes

Guest scribe Krystal Rains read the minutes.

Additions and Corrections

There were none.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid, won, and named them: "Short and sweet; thank you."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Jeff Siegel was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson and Susan Fox. Siegel received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Eylat Poliner announced that upcoming programming includes Tim Powers on Jan. 26, David Brin on Feb. 2, and Craig Miller on Feb. 23.
- Michelle Pincus indicated that Loscon 49 needs staff. If you're interested, contact her. No staff or recruitment meetings have been scheduled yet, and will occur in March after Gallifrey One.
- Cathy Johnson said Loscon 50 is looking for a chair. If you're interested, let her or Michelle know and they can present it to the board.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Honor Guard will return next month.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

There were no guests present.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. on the usual Zoom.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Susan Fox: Cookbook sale featuring titles from the collections of Karl Lembke and Susan Fox
- Nick Smith
 - New Beverly Cinema screening of *Castle in the Sky*
 - Dark Delicacies signing featuring Crab Scrambly, Aiden Casserly, Joycelyn Gateway, Drew Raush, and Aaron Alexovich
- Kevin Segall and Heide Nichols: All American Collectors' Show at the Glendale Civic Auditorium
- Eylat Poliner thanked Susan Fox and Gene Turnbow, their son Charlie, Michelle Pincus, and Rob Powell for their help at Karl Lembke's storage unit. There will be several more work sessions beginning in March, and some items will be available for LASFS members. She'd like to empty the unit by the end of March.

Moments of Science

- Lynn Maners reported on the discovery of the oldest rune stone, the migration patterns of domesticated corn, and the unearthing of projectile points in Idaho similar to those in Japan.

Regular Announcements

- Susan Fox and Heide Nichols mentioned the forthcoming closure of Amazon Smile. Elayne Pelz indicated that LASFS earns little from the service because few members use it.
- Matthew B. Tepper remarked that Chengdu Worldcon 2023 changed its dates and venue. It will now be held Oct. 18-22.

Reviews

- James DeTar commented on *Jurassic World Dominion*.
- Nick Smith shared his thoughts on *M3gan*.
- Susan Rothman recommended *The Dropout* on Hulu.
- Cathy and Dean Johnson, and Lynn Maners expressed enjoyment of *Avatar: The Way of Water*—AKA *Avatar 2: Free Willy*.
- Eylat Poliner reported on a recent group outing to Kyushu Ramen in Van Nuys. The next such event will be scheduled after Gallifrey One.
- Dean Johnson enjoyed the first episode of *The Last of Us*.

Miscellaneous

- Willard Stone sought updates on Westercon 75. Nick Smith indicated that the staff has held a staff meeting and that a hotel has been secured.
- Chris Marble visited George Mulligan, whose birthday is in March. Mulligan should be able to secure a day pass by then.
- Heide Nichols updated members on her recent travels to central California and Hawaii, where she contracted COVID-19. She recommends Hawaii, but not COVID-19. She recommended that members seek appropriate vaccination.
- Eylat Poliner thanked Nichols for sending her pictures of volcanoes while in Hawaii. They were useful for a class assignment.
- Lynn Maners was fined a quarter for making a fun pun about butts.
- Charles Lee Jackson II recently had stitches removed. He recommends anesthesia.
- Cathy Johnson mentioned the after meeting.

Call to Adjourn

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