

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

### **Meeting #4467**

March 23, 2023

Scribe: Heath “Scribbles” Row

### **Call to Order**

Susan Fox called the meeting to order on behalf of Cathy Johnson 30 seconds into the video recording.

### **Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)**

Kevin Segall stood in for Nick Smith.

#### Hatchings

- Actress Joan Crawford
- Author H. Beam Piper
- Actor Kenneth Tobey
- Author Kim Stanley Robinson
- Actress Amanda Plummer

#### Dispatchings

- Comic book artist Joe Giella died March 21

#### Media anniversary

On this date in 1956, *Forbidden Planet* was first screened. On this date in 1975, *A Boy and His Dog* was first screened—outside of screenings at cons. On this date in 2012, *The Hunger Games* was released.

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

Susan Fox stood in for Scribbles and read the minutes for March 16, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

- Michelle Pincus clarified the date of the Loscon 49 staff meeting.

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

Heide Nichols bid \$7, won, and named them “Celebrating Being Off My Mountain.”

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Dan Deckert was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, Christian McGuire, and Matthew B. Tepper. Deckert received three cheers.

## **Committee Reports**

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - March 30: Mark A. Richter, author
  - April 6: Charles Lee Jackson II, author
  - April 20: David Brin, author
  - May 11: Todd McCaffrey, author
  - June 1: Nominations open for club president
  - June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices

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

This month, the Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

## **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

We have one guest, Alex Garganigo, who was here two weeks ago.

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

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. There was some discussion about reinstating auctions.

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

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 23.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **Special Guest: Kristen Renee Gorlitz**

Gorlitz gave a presentation on the four pillars of virtual reality technology, exploring its use for games, social media, education, and storytelling. Gorlitz defined VR, described the hardware itself and its manufacturers, and considered its development over the course of the last few years.

## **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Heide Nichols: Saturday through next Thursday, you can see five planets at once in the night sky just after sunset.
- Eylat Poliner: This Saturday is the last Karl Lembke storage unit work session. 1-800-GOT-JUNK? will pick up what remains unclaimed.

## **Moments of Science**

- Lee Grixit: Suppose there are two big bangs. One is for dark matter.  
(<https://gizmodo.com/dark-matter-big-bang-hidden-universe-physics-1850199134>)

### **Miscellaneous**

- Chris Marble: George Mulligan says hi. He's getting better, stronger, and walked by choice for the first time.
- Susan Fox: There will be no aftermeeting.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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