

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4473

May 4, 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 Esmond Knight
- Actress Pia Zadora

Dispatchings

- Fan, LASFSan, faned, and apahack Marty Cantor
- Eylat Poliner volunteered to help Nick Smith and others organize a memorial service
- Cathy Johnson called for a minute of silence, which we recognized

Media anniversaries

Colossus: The Forbin Project was initially released April 8, 1970. It might have screened in New York City on this date.

It is also May the Fourth today. Eylat Poliner added that Carrie Fisher received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for April 27, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Rob Powell clarified that tickets for Explore JPL hadn't sold out; they were free, but no longer available.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, \$10, and \$15, won, and named them "I Had a \$15 Credit to Burn, so I Burned It."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Larry Niven was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Lee Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Michelle Pincus, Scribbles, and Matthew B. Tepper. Niven

received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner):
 - May 11: Todd McCaffrey, author
 - June 1: Nominations open for club president
 - June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): The planning meeting was productive.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests tonight

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues, once.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next official board meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

Still none

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith
 - New Beverly Cinema screenings of *Psycho*, *Psycho II*, and *Psycho III*
 - Dark Delicacies signings with Tom Holland and Peter H. Brothers (*Suspending My Disbelief*)

Moments of Science

- James DeTar commented on an Investor's Business Daily article about the state of the space race.
- Lee Grixit reported on archeologists discovering 2,000-year-old gemstones lost by bathers at a Roman bathhouse in England.

Regular Announcements

- Scribbles reminded LASFSans about the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire and announced a USS Angeles movie outing

- Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan continues to do well—and that the Los Angeles County Fair starts this weekend.

Reviews

- Nick Smith commented on the 1977 television show *Quark*.
- Lee Grixit has been experimenting with the generative AI tool Poe.
 - Matthew B. Tepper also gave it a go.
- Charles Lee Jackson II remarked on the *Hop Harrigan* and *Chick Carter, Detective* serials, as well as the movie *True Lies*.
- Cathy Johnson enjoyed the finale to *Star Trek: Picard*.

Miscellaneous

- Chris Marble caught the common cold at CostumeCon.
- Charles Lee Jackson II knows so much about Disneyland that he can help cast members find the hot corn stand.
- Rob Powell reported that 36,000 people participated in the two-day Explore JPL event.
- Cathy Johnson reminded LASFSans about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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