

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4475

May 18, 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

- Fan and apahack R-Laurraine Tutihasi
- Actor Andreas Katsulas
- Author Fred Saberhagen
- Actor Michael Rogers
- Author Diane Duane

Dispatchings

- Film editor John Refua

Media anniversary

This is the anniversary of Roger Corman's *War of the Satellites* and *The Abominable Dr. Phibes*. It's also the date that the 1978 *Battlestar Galactica* movie hit the big screen. And in 1962, May 15 saw the first airing of the *Twilight Zone* episode "I Sing the Body Electric."

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for May 11, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Nick Smith clarified the pronunciation of Feynman. Scribbles should've known better. Surely, he was joking.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, won, and named them "F— Cancer."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as written, if not read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Eylat Poliner explained what the LASFS patron saints for an attending guest.

Tom Digby was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy

Johnson, Chris Marble, Eylat Poliner, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Digby received three cheers—and a whole lot of bubbles.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner):
 - June 1: Nominations open for club president
 - June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices
 - Charles Lee Jackson II described how LASFS elections work and will do so again in the future.
- Loscon (Eylat Poliner)
 - Loscon will occur over Thanksgiving weekend. Registration is open.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Charles Lee Jackson II described the Spot of Honor for an attending guest. The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49. We'll auction off next month next week.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Tim Friedline attended as a guest. He works in information technology for a bank and has been reading science fiction for a long time. He learned about the LASFS while looking for local book discussion groups and clubs. We welcomed him!

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Cathy Johnson stood in for Pincus. The upcoming board of directors meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m. Guests are welcome.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith:
 - The New Beverly Cinema will screen the director's cut of *Aliens* Friday night. Saturday night, they're going to screen *Beyond the Black Rainbow* starring Michael Rogers.
 - American Cinematheque at the Los Feliz Theatre will screen *The Sword and the Sorcerer* on Saturday.
 - Dark Delicacies in Burbank is holding a signing May 20 for the DVD release of

Space Wars. The signing will include the writer, the director, and several actors.

- Eylat Poliner: The Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) event this Saturday has been canceled. GAGS will resume in June.

Regular Announcements

- Krystal Rains indicated that Loscon is tabling at Strategicon's Gamex on Memorial Day weekend. People who aren't members can join for \$10 off at the gaming con.
- Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan continues to improve. Marble also recently had lunch with Chuck Donahue, who sends his greetings.
- Cathy Johnson commented that Scott Beckstead recently reported on Facebook that he'd had a toe removed. He's now walking again and is in good spirits.

Reviews

- Nick Smith went to see *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3*—and enjoyed it.
- Charles Lee Jackson II went to the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Elayne Pelz received multiple awards for her needlework. No one stopped him for directions.
- Cathy Johnson went to the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire on Mother's Day—and had fun.

Miscellaneous

- Nick Smith commented on the slow progress gaining access to Marty Cantor's apartment and belongings. John Hertz, his attorney, hopes to access his trust and will soon. The staff of University of California, Riverside's Eaton Collection of Science Fiction & Fantasy has expressed interest in acquiring Cantor's early fanzine collection.
- Heide Nichols announced the Koroneburg Renaissance Festival in Eastvale. It runs through June 25.
- Charles Lee Jackson II reported that the Schtroumpfs, the precursor to the Smurfs, were featured on *Jeopardy!* that night.
- Cathy Johnson reminded LASFSans about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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