

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4479

June 15, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Comic book artist Neal Adams
- Actor Neil Patrick Harris
- Fan turned pro Sondra Marshak

Dispatchings

- Actor Treat Williams
- Comic book artist John Romita, Sr.
- Courtesy of Heide Nichols: Cartoonist and animator James Ian McGinty

Media anniversary

Them! was released on this date in 1954.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles did not read the minutes for June 8, 2023. He will read them next week.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylay Poliner bid \$17, won, and did not name the minutes that weren't read, "Happy Birthday, Debra. These minutes were not named."

Celebration of Patron Saints

Sandy Cohen was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Heide Nichols. Cohen received three cheers—and a bag of Hersheys.

Hare Hobbs was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Eylat Poliner, Tom Safer, and Nick Smith. Hobbs received three cheers—and a book review.

Committee Reports

- Marty Cantor's memorial (Eylat Poliner): This Saturday, June 17, at the home of Barbara Gratz Harmon from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- July 6: Big auction
- July 13: Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*
- Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
- Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
- Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, Aerospace Legacy Foundation.
- Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations.
- Nov. 9: Meeting #4500, Board of Directors elections
- Nov. 16: History of the LASFS
- Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
- Dec. 7: Nominations for president
- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Loscon is shaping up to be round-the-clock fun.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

No guests were present.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. The LASFS also welcomes donations. We need more money to get a new building.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is July 9 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Charles Lee Jackson II: Last week, we did not bid on ballot colors, part of the traditional LASFS election procedure.

Cathy Johnson bid \$11, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for president shall be fuchsia.

Susan Fox bid \$20, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for vice president shall be blue.

Matthew Mitchell bid \$12, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for registrar shall be goldenrod.

Jim DeTar bid \$10, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for scribe shall be puce.

Matthew B. Tepper bid \$20, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for treasurer shall be pink.

New Business

Cathy Johnson took the pulse of LASFSans to see whether members are interested in resuming

meetings at the rented church location, perhaps once a month. We'd hold hybrid meetings to accommodate people on Zoom. An informal vote indicated that members are indeed interested in exploring the option. Elayne Pelz will reach out to the church to see if we can begin meeting in person again.

Time-Bound Announcements

- Tom Safer has resumed hosting screenings at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library. This Saturday, he'll screen *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*.
- Nick Smith: The New Beverly Cinema will screen a double feature of *Fantastic Planet* and *Heavy Metal* this weekend. The American Cinematheque will screen *Dr. Strangelove* on Sunday.

Moments of Science

- Tom Safer: Three scientists from Today in Science History (https://todayinsci.com/6/6_15.htm)
 - Herbert A. Simon
 - Hubertus Strughold
 - Georg Wüst
 - And two events: vulcanized rubber and the lightning experiment (https://todayinsci.com/6/6_15.htm#event)
- Lynn Maners: Paleoarchaeologists studying the Homo naledi and a burial site in the Rising Star Cave in Africa discovered that the small-brained creatures made and used fire as a tool, and created artwork on cave walls. Maners expects a new field of expertise to develop: paleoneurology.

Regular Announcements

- Nick Smith: The La Pintesca Branch Library, Octavia's Bookshelf, and the Huntington Library are collaborating on the Octavia Butler Sci-Fi Book Club in June, July, and August. (<https://www.pasadenanow.com/weekendr/pasadena-libraries-partner-to-launch-octavia-butler-sci-fi-book-club>)
- Chris Marble: George Mulligan says hello. Marble also messaged him about the church key. Mulligan's continuing to get stronger, but they didn't go out for lunch yet.
- Cathy Johnson has tickets for Dean's grandson's high school graduation tomorrow.

Reviews

- Jim DeTar enjoyed the real-world artificial intelligence aspects of *Free Guy*.
- Chris Marble went to his first Armenian wedding. It went well.
- Lynn Maners isn't sure that he likes that *Babylon 5: The Road Home* is animated, but hearing those voices again sure gives him the tingles.

Miscellaneous

- Charles Lee Jackson II exchanged messages with mystery author Sara Paretsky after she experienced some caramel-related dental challenges.

- Rob Powell seeks help with 34 boxes of sf books in San Diego. Scribbles sent him contact information for the San Diego Speculative Fiction Society and Darkstar at UCSD.
- Eylat Poliner thanked Jackson and Susan Fox for their help with programming.
- Cathy Johnson reminded people about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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