

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

### **Meeting #4488**

Aug. 17, 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

- Screenwriter and author Oliver Crawford (b. Aug. 12, 1917, d. Sept. 24, 2008)
- Producer and screenwriter Harve Bennett (b. Aug. 17, 1930, d. Feb. 25, 2015)
- Editor and publisher Neil Clarke (b. 1966)

#### Dispatchings

- Actor Peter Vaughan-Clarke (b. June 11, 1957, d. August 2023)

#### Media anniversary

The movies *Sheena* and *Sword of the Valiant* first screened on this date in 1984.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Aug. 10, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

- None

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

Eylat Poliner bid \$6, won, and named them "We Miss You, Ed."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Charles Lee Jackson II described the patron saints of the LASFS for newcomers and guests.

Mark Bilan was celebrated and recognized by Jackson, Cathy Johnson, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, and Nick Smith. Bilan received three cheers.

Bjo Trimble was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Jackson, Cathy Johnson, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, and Scribbles. Trimble received three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

- Loscon 49 (Eylat Poliner for Michelle Pincus):

- The con will be held over Thanksgiving weekend.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner):
  - Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, author of *Divinity 36* and *Demigod 12*, the first two Tinkered Starsong books
  - Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoon shorts after the meeting
  - Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation
  - Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
  - Oct. 14: Forry Award nominations and vote
  - Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
  - Nov. 9: Meeting #4500 and Board of Directors election
  - Nov. 16: History of the LASFS featuring longtime LASFSans
  - Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
  - Dec. 7: Nominations for president
  - Dec. 14: Procedural elections
  - Dec. 28: Loscon retrospective

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

The Spot of Honor is held by the 48 Hour Film Project in Los Angeles.

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

Elayne Pelz reminded members to make donations because everyone's paid their dues.

**New Business**

We have a new patron saint. As of today, Jim DeTar has donated \$1,000.

**Time-Bound Announcements**

- Tom Safer will screen *Frozen II* on Saturday at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library.
- Nick Smith: At Vroman's Bookstore on Tuesday night, there's a special event for Caltech's anthology *Inner Space and Outer Thoughts: Speculative Fiction from Caltech and JPL Authors*.

**Special Event:** Gail Carriger, author of *Divinity 36* and *Demigod 12*, the first two Tinkered Starsong books

Carriger said she doesn't generally do readings, but she did tonight, reading from *Divinity 36*. She also talked about her approach to publishing, why she doesn't traditionally do readings, growing up with audiobooks rather than television, the role linguistics plays in the portrayal of alien languages, anthropology, her work in manga, the influence of Asian TV dramas, her influences (Mercedes Lackey, Anne McCaffrey, Tamara Pierce, and *Doctor Who*), and the need for aspiring writers to also concentrate on the business aspect of their work.

**Regular Announcements**

- Susan Fox reported that Society for Creative Anachronism participant Laura Jenkins died

today.

- Charles Lee Jackson II commented on people in Hawaii supporting people who've welcomed displaced guests into their homes. They call themselves the kanaka Costco.
  - Susan Fox plans to post something to her Facebook page about an online benefit concert.

### **Miscellaneous**

Cathy Johnson reminded members of the aftermeeting.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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