

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4489

Aug. 24, 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

- Actor William Morgan Sheppard
- Actor, comedian, and musician Kenny Baker
- Actor and screenwriter Sonja Bennett
- Author Orson Scott Card

Dispatchings

- Animation art director Nizo Yamamoto
- Courtesy of Heide Nichols: Actor Darren Kent

Media anniversary

On this date in 1966, we watched *Fantastic Voyage* on the big screen.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Aug. 17, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them “Five Cent Kool-Aid Makes Two Quarts.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Marilyn “Fuzzy Pink” Niven was celebrated and recognized by Tony Benoun, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Heide Nichols. Niven received three cheers—and bobbin lace or a root beer float.

Michelle Pincus was celebrated and recognized by Barbara Gratz Harmon, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, Tom Safer, Kevin Segall, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - Tonight, Tom Safer will screen four animated shorts after the meeting: Tex Avery's *The House of Tomorrow*, *The Farm of Tomorrow*, *The Car of Tomorrow*, and *The T.V. of Tomorrow*.
 - John Trimble communicated that Bjo would not be able to present to the club at this time because of technical challenges.
 - Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation
 - Sept. 14: Aldo Spadoni, on conceptual aerospace design in science fiction
 - 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
- Loscon (Michelle Pincus)
 - Cathy Johnson: The con is coming up this November. If you can join us in person or online, we'd love to have you at that meeting.
 - If you'd like to run the toy drive, reach out to Michelle. She's looking for volunteers. We're hoping to partner with Toys for Tots. Pincus described what such volunteering entails.
 - Loscon is on track, and we have good stuff coming up for it.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

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

Susan Fox: The 48 Hour Film Project audience awards screening is Sunday, Aug. 27 at Regal LA Live.

Jackson: Next week, we'll select the Spot of Honor recipient for next month.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests at this time.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

Old Business

Elayne Pelz is still working with the church to finalize using the space we had been using. Once that's done, we'll start meeting there once a month, perhaps starting in September. If we do, it will be a hybrid meeting.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith
 - At Vroman's Bookstore on Saturday, the Ukelele Orchestra of the Western Hemisphere will perform. They sometimes play sf-related music.
 - Dark Delicacies will host a signing Saturday with Sadie Hartmann for *101 Horror Books to Read Before You're Murdered*, and David Scott Hay for *NSFW*.
 - The Huntington will host the third Octavia Butler Science Fiction Book Club discussion of *Parable of the Talents* on Saturday.

Moments of Science

- Tom Safer: https://www.todayinsci.com/8/8_24.htm
 - Ralph Eugene Lapp
 - Albert Claude
 - Sir Daniel Gooch
 - Event: Minor planet Pluto
- Lynn Maners: In Norway, as the glacier patches retreated more, they're finding discarded clothing. When you're on the verge of freezing to death, you feel hot and take your clothes off to cool down—before you die.
- Nick Smith: One of the largest musical instruments ever made was found in the Andes. It's a floor vault/foot drum big enough for dozens of people to dance on to make percussive sounds. Four dancers were able to make sounds as loud as 80 decibels.
 - Lynn Maners: There's also a floor vault/foot drum in Chaco Canyon.

Regular Announcements

- Tom Safer's September screening at the Frances Howard Goldwyn—Hollywood Regional Branch Library will be *Luca* on Sept. 16.
 - If you want to join the Burbank Chorale, they're holding open auditions. The season begins Sept. 12.

Reviews

- Eylat Poliner: A meeting review from Gail Carigger—"Dear Eylat, I just wanted to say thank you so, so much for hosting me at your gathering. I enjoyed myself immensely. It made me feel very nostalgic. You really made me feel welcome, and your questions

were thoughtful and fun. All the very best, Gail”

- Nick Smith went to see the movie *Blue Beetle*, which was definitely worth seeing.
 - Charles Lee Jackson II: The rumor of a *Blue Beetle* serial dates from the 1960s.
- Eylat Poliner: If you haven't seen the *Star Trek—Strange New Worlds* sing-along episode, it's now up there with her favorite episodes such “The Trouble with Tribbles.”
 - Heide Nichols: If you have any interest in K-Pop—Klingon-Pop—this year's Loscon's music room will offer Klingon-related music.
- Chris Marble saw *Haunted Mansion*, which was fine.
- Scribbles recommended *The Last Voyage of the Demeter* heartily.
- Charles Lee Jackson II recently saw *Peau d'Ane* on TCM, which is charming and well worth the time.
 - Matthew B. Tepper indicated that the title translates as *Donkey Skin*.
- Tom Safer said the new *Guardians of the Galaxy* movie is great fun and well worth the price of the DVD.

Miscellaneous

- Nola Frame-Gray heard that India had a successful moon landing. Does anyone know about that?
 - Lynn Maners: They have a rover up there looking for ice.
 - J.P. Van Gordon offered the links
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqtSj0UTGPk> and
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NitxnjD1I_s
- Nola Frame-Gray asked whether we had to change Zoom rooms for Tom Safer's cartoons. We should stay right here.
- Cathy Johnson indicated that there won't be an aftermeeting tonight because of Safer's animation program, unless we want to convene even later.

Call to Adjourn

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