

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

### **Meeting #4503**

Nov. 30, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

### **Call to Order**

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 56 seconds into the video recording.

### **Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)**

#### Hatchings

- Filmmaker Ridley Scott (b. Nov. 30, 1937)
- Actor Kevin Conroy (b. Nov. 30, 1955; d. Nov. 10, 2022)
- Actor Efrem Zimbalist Jr. (b. Nov. 30, 1918; d. May 2, 2014)
- Author and fan Debra Doyle (b. Nov. 30, 1952; d. Oct. 31, 2020)
- Singer, musician, actor, and artist Cherie Currie (b. Nov. 30, 1959)

#### Dispatchings

- Director Elliot Silverstein (b. Aug. 3, 1927; d. Nov. 24, 2023)
- Television creator, writer, and puppeteer Marty Krofft (b. April 9, 1937; d. Nov. 25, 2023)
- Cinematographer Victor J. Kemper (b. April 14, 1927; d. Nov. 27, 2023)

#### Media anniversary

The American release of *Godzilla Minus One* is arguably today—or Dec. 1. On this date in 1990, the Stephen King movie *Misery* premiered.

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

Susan Fox read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Nov. 23, 2023. (Scribbles accidentally read them again Dec. 7, 2023.)

### **Additions and Corrections**

- Cathy Johnson clarified the surname of John Spence.
- Chris Marble remembered a Captain Kirk reference as 12 inches. Susan Fox indicated that she might have misspoken, indicating six inches.

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

Chris Marble bid \$5, won, and named them "Chris Named These Minutes."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

## Celebration of Patron Saints

Frank Gasperik was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Matthew B. Tepper. Gasperik received three cheers.

## Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - Dec. 7: Nominations for President
  - Dec. 14: Procedural elections
  - Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus)
  - The con was fabulous and everyone had a good time. Members complimented the staff and programming. Even the guests of honor had a wonderful time.
  - Attendance was 615.
- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
  - The guests of honor will include Writer GoH Spider Robinson, Artist GoH Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, Artist Ghost of Honor Kelly Freas, Music GoH Kathy Mar, and Fan Guests of Honor Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller
  - The Web site is now live.
  - 223 people bought memberships at Loscon 49.
  - Poliner thanked Rains for the Loscon 50 party. Susan Fox reported that the fireplace was fabulous.
  - Tad Daley remarked that the programming was a real home run. There were 600 people there, but none of them are here tonight. We can do more during Loscon to tell people about the club and its meetings.
    - Fox agreed that it's a good idea and asked him to staff a fan table next year.
    - Daley agreed to do so and suggested we make a club flier to distribute at registration. We could also email members to thank them for participating—and to let them know about the club, too.
    - Poliner directed that request to the marketing team. She and Fox will include club publicity in a Loscon 50 email in January.

## Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices.

(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064562504969>) The site's new season goes live tonight at midnight and will continue through Dec. 25.

## Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

William Zain joined us for his first meeting and is going to consider joining in the future. Eylat Poliner shared some information about the club, and Cathy Johnson welcomed him. Zain's a member of the Worlds of Wonder Toastmasters, which focuses on science fiction and fantasy, as well as leadership and public speaking. (<https://www.toastmasters.org/Find-a-Club/28675457-worlds-of-wonder-toastmasters>) He learned about the LASFS from another

member. He lives in Anaheim.

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

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

Cathy Johnson indicated that annual dues can be paid now, too.

J.P. Van Gordon reminded members that they need to pay their dues to vote.

### **Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.

### **Old Business**

Cathy Johnson indicated that we'd still like to find a place to meet. If you have any recommendations, contact Elayne Pelz.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Next week, we'll hold nominations for the LASFS president. He will explain the voting procedure in detail.

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Nick Smith
  - Dark Delicacies will celebrate the store's 29th anniversary with a signing this Saturday with Fred Dekker, director of *The Monster Squad*, and Andrew Scott Bell, composer of the score to *Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey*.
  - Vidiots will screen *Shrek* as their Saturday matinee, followed by *Xanadu* and *Batman Returns*. *My Neighbor Totoro* will be the Sunday matinee.
  - On Saturday, Fathom Events will simulcast a performance of *The Magic Flute* to a number of movie theaters, including Cinemark Century North Hollywood, the AMC Burbank 16 and Universal Cinema AMC at CityWalk Hollywood.
  - Heritage Square Museum will host an evening of Victorian ghost stories this Saturday fundraiser.

### **Moments of Science**

- Debra Levin stumbled across a study involving 22 sets of identical twins. One twin ate a vegan diet, and the other twin ate a healthy omnivore diet. The study found that the vegan diet might be more healthy, but it's a small sample size.

### **Regular Announcements**

- Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan almost got out of bed yesterday.

### **Reviews**

- Nick Smith reviewed Charles Lee Jackson II's new book, *Your Best Entertainment*. He

indicated that it's good for movie buffs and newcomers alike—and that it draws on a wide range of categories.

- Charles Lee Jackson II reviewed Smith's review, commenting that Smith understood what Jackson had wanted to accomplish with the book.
- Eylat Poliner commented on Loscon 49. It was fun to see people who are family and extended family. The Loscon 50 party was really good.
  - She also reviewed the latest *Doctor Who* episode. She's very excited about future episodes.
- Christine Lipscomb asked if it was the Christmas special.
  - Susan Fox said there are three 60th anniversary specials leading up to the start of the new season on Christmas Day.
- Tad Daley shared convention regrets from Dr. Jane Shevtsov, who was unable to participate because of COVID-19.
  - The Long Beach Geeks karaoke party was fun.
  - Arlene Busby's programming was wonderful. Daley's favorite panel was "If You Had a Time Machine, Where Would You Go and What Would You Do?"
- Peter Santell saw the 1967 movie *Solaris*, which was great.
- Jackson remarked on the diverse programming at Loscon. He was pleased by the assortment of topics.
- Nola Frame-Gray had a great time and enjoyed the book discussions hosted by John Hertz. She reported that it was challenging to learn about parties outside of the hospitality suite.
  - Members including Poliner, Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, and Jackson discussed the inconsistent presence of party fliers.
  - Frame-Gray said a program book—in addition to pocket programs—would be helpful.
    - Michelle Pincus indicated that we'll never publish a program book again.
  - Frame-Gray also couldn't find handicap services and was informed it was next to registration.
  - Regardless, Frame-Gray had a great time and bought a membership for next year.
- Nick Smith mentioned that one of the highlights happened in the autograph area. Brandie June dressed as one of the characters from her novels. Members discussed the cosplay contest.
- Jackson offered some feedback on the organization of the autograph area.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.
- Christine Lipscomb asked if we're sharing Loscon pictures anywhere.
  - Krystal Rains indicated that it's best to post them on Loscon's Facebook page. Please use the hashtag so they're easier to find.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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