

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

### **Meeting #4509**

Jan. 11, 2024

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

- Author John Myers Myers (b. Jan. 11, 1906; d. Oct. 30, 1988)
- Actor and stunt performer Nick Cravat (b. Jan. 10, 1912; d. Jan. 29, 1994)
- Author and scriptwriter Jerome Bixby (b. Jan. 11, 1923; d. April 28, 1998)
- Actor and director Jason Connery (b. Jan. 11, 1963)
- Actor Amanda Peet (b. Jan. 11, 1972)

#### Dispatchings

- Game designer, video game artist, and illustrator Jannell Jaquays (b. Oct. 14, 1956; d. Jan. 10, 2024)
- Author Terry Bisson (b. Feb. 12, 1942; d. Jan. 10, 2024)
- Screenwriter and television producer Tracy Tormé (b. April 12, 1959; d. Jan. 4, 2024)

#### Media anniversary

On this date in 1972, *The Night Stalker* first aired on TV.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Dec. 21, 2023, and Jan. 4, 2024.

### **Additions and Corrections**

- Dec. 21, 2023: Eylat Poliner complained that Scribbles does too good a job.
- Jan. 4, 2024: None

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

Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named the Dec. 21, 2023, Condensed Cream of Menace "Thank You, Heath."

Gregory Lipscomb bid \$20, won, and named the Jan. 4, 2024, Cream of Menace "Happy New Year, LASFS."

### **Call for Approval**

- Dec. 21, 2023: Moved to accept as complained about, and approved.
- Jan. 4, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

## Celebration of Patron Saints

Christian B. McGuire was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Matt Mitchell. McGuire received three cheers.

Bruce Pelz was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Nick Smith. Pelz received three cheers—and a Dewey Decimal because of his library experience.

## Committee Reports

- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
  - The first chairman's message went out today.
    - She plans to send them every couple of months.
  - Spider Robinson and his assistant have been selling memberships; they've sold about 20.
  - Please check out the Loscon 50 Web site: <https://loscon.org>, <https://loscon.org/programming-ideas>, and <https://loscon.org/registration>.
  - They'll be updating multiple policies and introducing a safety policy, as well.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - We're meeting in person and online Jan. 25. She talked to North Hollywood Diner, which is willing to stay open for us to host an aftermeeting. Poliner asked the club whether members would like to hold the aftermeeting there, and consensus was yes. Poliner will call to reserve the diner for our use around 9:30 p.m.
  - Cathy Johnson encouraged members to get 20 people to the Noho Diner—and more than 20 people to the in-person meeting. She suggested that people promote the meeting on social media.

## Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

## Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We were joined by a guest, Nicholas Tana. As a professional writer, he's written for Disney Publishing Worldwide, as well as children's books such as *The Little Lion That Listened*. He's directed a few movies, including a comedy horror series titled *Hell's Kitty*, which was adapted as a comic book, a movie, and a musical—produced by New Musicals Inc. A guest of Loscon, he also wrote a graphic novel titled *eJunky*. Recently, he won a Horror2Comic award for *Hillbillies vs. Alien Chickens*. He'd like to learn more about the LASFS in terms of writers, reading, and science fiction.

Members welcomed him and discussed face-to-face meetings, Zoom calls, and where members live in the Los Angeles area. Lee Grixit told a story about how he found the club—and how the club gouged him for his dues.

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

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

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

Eylat Poliner: The next board meeting is Jan. 14 at 11 a.m.

### **Old Business**

Cathy Johnson reminded LASFSans that we are meeting in person and online Jan. 25. There will be a Big Auction.

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Nick Smith:
  - The New Beverly Cinema plans to show *The Iron Giant* and *Jurassic Park*.
  - Vidots will screen *Evil Dead II*, *Escape from New York*, *The Dark Crystal*, and *Popeye*.
  - Landmark's Nuart Theatre will show *Zardoz* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.
  - A Dark Delicacies signing will feature *Halloween II: The Game*. A director, actors, and a composer will attend.

### **Moments of Science**

- Eylat Poliner: There is a new space race to get to the moon, using new technology. Competitors include China and the United States.  
(<https://www.npr.org/2023/08/25/1196002199/the-new-space-race-is-on-and-everyone-is-headed-to-the-moon>)
- Lee Grixit: Researchers have created the first functional semiconductor from graphene.  
(<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2410612-first-working-graphene-semiconductor-could-lead-to-faster-computers>)
  - The Mars Rover utilizes solar-charged batteries.
- Poliner: A company called Wisk intends to offer flying taxi cabs by 2028.  
([https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=6oLT15v0IZE&ab\\_channel=VoiceofAmerica](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=6oLT15v0IZE&ab_channel=VoiceofAmerica), <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-06-19/air-taxi-los-angeles-2028-olympics>, and <https://robbreport.com/motors/aviation/wisk-aero-air-taxi-first-public-evtol-flight-los-angeles-1235381653>)
  - Members discussed the history of automobile accidents, pilot error in aeronautics, and previous attempts to develop a flying car. Hovercraft were also discussed.

### **Regular Announcements**

- Charles Lee Jackson's new book is titled *Warbird*.

- Scribbles mailed the 40 or so members for whom we don't have email addresses about Jan. 25. He asked for Marc Schirmeister's mailing address, which Charles Lee Jackson II provided.
- Nick Smith: *File 770* featured the artwork for the forthcoming *Dungeons & Dragons* 50th anniversary stamps. (<https://file770.com/pixel-scroll-1-13-24-doctor-who-and-the-scrolls-of-pixeldon>)
- Chris Marble: Horror historian, critic, and writer David J. Skal died Jan. 1, 2024.

### Reviews

- Eylat Poliner is enjoying *The Librarians* on Prime Video and *White Collar* on Hulu.
- Jim DeTar saw *Future '38* on Prime Video. It's tongue in cheek and well done.
- Heide Nichols talked about Disney+'s *Percy Jackson and The Olympians*. Changes have been made, but they seem to be for the better.
- Nick Smith watched *Poor Things*, which is weird and creepy.
- Scribbles cannot recommend *Chopper Chicks in Zombietown*, which features a young Billy Bob Thornton, an all-woman biker gang, a mad scientist, and battery-powered zombies.
- Lee Grixit recommended the Webcomic *Leaving the Cradle*. (<https://leavingthecradle.com>)

### Miscellaneous

- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

### Call to Adjourn

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