

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

### **Meeting #4516**

Feb. 29, 2024

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

### **Call to Order**

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

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

#### Hatchings

- Composer Gioachino Rossini (b. Feb. 29, 1792; d. Nov. 13, 1868)
- Actor Arthur Franz (b. Feb. 29, 1920; d. June 17, 2006)
- Author Patricia A. McKillip (b. Feb. 29, 1948; d. May 6, 2022)
- Author Tim Powers (b. Feb. 29, 1952)

#### Dispatchings

- Courtesy of Matthew B. Tepper: Minneapolis fan, faned, and con runner Margie Lessinger (d. Feb. 14, 2024)
- Sculptor Kent Melton (b. 1955, d. Feb. 22, 2024)
- Academic, critic, and author Brian Stableford (b. July 25, 1948; d. Feb. 24, 2024)
- Comic book artist Ramona Fradon (b. Oct. 2, 1926; d. Feb. 24, 2024)
- Actor Kenneth Mitchell (b. Nov. 25, 1974; d. Feb. 24, 2024)
- Actor Charles Dierkop (Sept. 11, 1936; d. Feb. 25, 2024)

#### Media anniversary

On this date in 1940, *Black Friday* premiered in Chicago. The movie entered general release April 12 that year.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 22, 2024.

### **Additions and Corrections**

- Scribbles corrected the date of Corflu.
- Christian B. McGuire pointed out that Loscon and *Star Wars* didn't start in the same year. Discussion of what qualified as the first Loscon ensued.

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

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Do You Know Where Your Kaiju Is Tonight?"

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Bill Ellern was celebrated and recognized by Kristine Cherry, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Christian B. McGuire. Ellern received three cheers.

Marjii Ellers was celebrated and recognized by Sandy Cohen, Nola Frame-Gray, Hare Hobbs, Chris Marble, and Christian B. McGuire. Ellers received three cheers—and a Father Guido Sarducci costume.

### **Committee Reports**

- Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble)
  - George Mulligan sends his greetings. It's unlikely that he'll Zoom in.
  - Chuck Donahue also says hi. I'll see him Saturday.
  - Courtesy of Cathy Johnson: Dean Johnson did not have surgery Monday. His arm has healed well enough over the course of the month that surgery wasn't warranted.
  - Courtesy of Heide Nichols: Joyce Sperling says hello.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - March 7: Craig Miller reading
  - March 14: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny's
  - March 21: Heide Nichols performance of "Death Is Inevitable"—or Uninvitable or Uneatable
  - April 11: In-person (hybrid) meeting—By-Laws discussion and first vote
  - April 18: By-Laws vote
  - May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction
  - June 6: President nominations
  - June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections
  - There is additional programming in the works

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

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50. Jackson described the Spot of Honor. Next month, we'll feature something new. Sherri Benoun bid \$40, won, and dedicated the Spot of Honor in memory of her husband Tony Benoun.

### **Registrar** (Heide Nichols)

Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight and her husband have joined us for the second time. They've volunteered for logistics for Loscon, and we really need to get them signed up as members.

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

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

### **Board Report** (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will next meet March 10 at 11 a.m. People are welcome to attend.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Time-Bound Announcements**

None

**Special Event:** The Big Auction

Christian B. McGuire served as auctioneer for the Big Auction. 21 items were auctioned off, raising a total of \$216 for the LASFS. Winning bidders were asked to reach out to Elayne Pelz to arrange mailing.

**Moments of Science**

None

**Regular Announcements**

None

**Reviews**

Charles Lee Jackson II: Pennsylvania Punch is the same as Delaware Punch.

**Miscellaneous**

None

**Call to Adjourn**

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