



SEPTEMBER 2012

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am
 D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group = 7 PM

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 DIG—7:30 pm
 FWEMS - “Silver” Screen Cowboys

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

SEPTEMBER 6 - Eric Small, presenting his new movie, 10,000 Days
SEPTEMBER 13 - Dani & Eytan Kollin on their new release, *The Unincorporated Future*.
SEPTEMBER 20 - **BIG** Auction
SEPTEMBER 27 - LASFS Limber-up Work-out

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

LASFS
CHILI COOKOFF
September 9
 at our Second Sunday
 festivities
 at 5:00 pm

SOME PHOTOS FROM THE BRADBURY MEMORIAL ARE AT THE LASFS WEB SITE

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 475– September 2012. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2012

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Liz Carlie. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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Chairman: Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellern (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moflatt, and Fred Patten.

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If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

Meeting 3906, June 21, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

With a cry of "Oh, Frickle-Frackle", President Marcia Minsky called the penultimate meeting of her term, meeting #3906 of the LASFS, to order at 20:10.

The Menace were read, and Liz paid \$1.75 to name them "The truth is, I am Iron Man".

Matthew Tepper had a quick announcement. In honor of Debra's birthday two days ago, there is a cake in the back. Please help us get rid of it.

Patron Saint Ted Johnstone was honored. Milt: he was an active fanzine fan, and wrote Man from Uncle novels. Many fans were writing Man from Uncle novels and working fans into the plots. He was a talented writer. He never sold as much stuff as he deserved to. He was Secretary numerous times, before we had a BOD. Matthew Tepper: David McDaniel was a good friend of his. He was interesting in many ways. He did his fanac under an assumed name, and his writing under his real name. One favorite incident is after Dave was in a motorcycle wreck that put him in the hospital, a bunch of us visited him. There he was in traction with his leg elevated. Asked how he was feeling, he replied, "I can't kick". Frank Waller paid his pun fine.

Bill Ellern: Ted Johnstone arrived with four other high school students about the time LASFS moved into Zeke

Lepin's house. (1954 – 55) He and the other four plus Bjo Trimble plus a few others instituted the Silver Age of fanzine. They had a steady stream of fanzines coming out of the club. The group met almost every day of the week at Zeke's place, and then Bill took them out to supper. There were some pretty fantastic conversations at the Hawaiian Barbecue and several other cafes around. These wound up being in some of the fanzines. It was very creative, very enthusiastic, and a good time was had by all. It tapered off when Bruce Pelz showed up, in that they began to disappear into real life.

Dave's first effort was The Dagger Affair in which he read through a book of quotations, swiping everything that was a quotation to use for chapter heads. Dave was a good guy. He had a temper, which Bill knows because he restrained him in Berserker mode once. Dave was original when he wrote; he was intensely creative. He was one of those people who are missed.

CLJII: In his later years, Ted was his partner for projects. They produced Triple Doubles together. Dave was first and foremost a shooter and cutter. He was much better at that than writing. Writing for him was working out the details of the story, and putting it on paper was the part he liked the least. In order to get a finished book out of him, one had to ride herd on him. The first LASFS meeting Charlie attended, David McDaniel was an unexpected bonus. DAGGER stands for Destruction A Go-Go and Electronic Revenge. He also produced a Thrush training film. Last project was a Star Trek novel because he was assured they had an in. For those who read Amazing Adventures, that story was used in three pieces for a series set in the future. Last book, The Final Affair, was published privately. In one book, Monster Wheel, the first letter of the chapter headings spell out A A WYNN IS A TIGHTWAD. The books are in the club library and worth checking out.

Patron Saint Ted Johnstone was given three cheers and in the midst of life we are Aaaaah!

Registrar Michelle was called into the room! "We have guests!" Two weeks ago Friday, we had a guest. Peter Van Ettinger, who came with Greg Barrett. This evening we have: Carrie Downs-Minetree, Charles F Minetree, and Martha Stilson.

Michelle then announced the Reading Program for Kids, now moved to the Pasadena Library. We're listed. We are also going to be featured at the Burbank library this fall, at Glenoaks and Olive.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin announced stuff. Goodreads count is 163 and counting.

Announcements: Christian announced that we have a number of emails from surveys, hook, or crook. We've sent out our first email newsletter today. We'll have 8-10 issues between now and the con. And thanks to Matthew Tepper, Kay Shapero, and June Moffatt for copy editing.

Eylat added, LOSCON is on Facebook, and we have a

contest. We're giving away autographed books, and two passes to LOSCON 39.

Reviews: Scratch announced Glenn Olson has 3 books on e-books, one of which is a vampire book in London during WWII.

Ellern: This is what the Terry Pratchett book looks like. Today, a book came in which Larry Niven had mentioned, Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter, The Long Earth. It can be had through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Hare mentioned the collaboration was Terry and Stephen's idea.

Fannish Committee Reports: The President announced earlier this week at School, third Tuesday was a staff and faculty birthday party. One game, had to name different things. Give the name of the book, character's first name, fill in blank. It came to Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Character's name is Arthur. Any team able to get the character's name would get an extra 75 points. We won because of those extra points.

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller: Saturday is birthday, #55. Those who brought food, please deal with leftovers and wipe down table. Also, he has broken his new CPAP.

We adjourned at 21:53

Meeting 3907, June 28, 2012
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

With a farewell address, President Marcia Minsky called the ultimate meeting of her term, meeting #3907 of the LASFS, to order at 20:15.

The **Menace** were read, and Marcia Minsky paid \$1 to name them "Farewell Arms".

Patron Saint Fred Patten was honored. Scratch: He's the reason why Japanese Animation took off in this country. His enthusiasm started the fan base. CLJII: When he joined the LASFS, when he was a young man, somewhat younger than today, Fred was the guy who sold you comic books you couldn't read at prices you couldn't afford. They were in French (TinTin) and Spanish. Fred was always full of interesting stuff people didn't know about. A little later, Fred allowed his interest in Asian material to overflow, and the rest is history. For many years, Fred co-owned a comics related book store. One week, he invited Charlie to see a film with him, and then six days later had a stroke. He continued in APA-L for a while, but eventually did end his string. Marty Cantor: Fred started contributing to APA-L in issue number 1 and continued producing zines for each and every distribution (including several fractional issues) until he just could not continue (due to his stroke). Fred's last contribution was in disty 2280, thus ending a most remarkable string.

Milt: for years, he was the LASFS party vegetable. He'd show up at a party, find a book, and read until he fell asleep. The following week, he'd present a complete tran-

script of the entire party, including stuff in far away rooms and while he was asleep. Hare: According to his aunt, Fred's responsible for Hare going to the dark side. Aunt was a head of Filmation. Japanese Animation was a sin around her. He made the mistake of mentioning it around her, and found out in a hurry.

Karl: He's the official LASFS historian, and he demonstrated his flair for the dramatic by having the Stroke of Midnight. Tom Safer recalls Fred showing up at a number of his shows, and keeping him in C/FO. Marty: Anyone who does not know Fred: He was the gentleman in the wheelchair in the corner earlier this evening, and that was his sister with him. Jerry Pournelle recalls Fred for a slightly different reason. He once decided to publish Richard Delap's Science Fiction Review, a SF review magazine which had the potential to rival Locus or SF Review. He chose as the editor a man who decided that the most memorable review he'd write is one of the only two bad reviews of *The Mote In God's Eye*. It's also the only thing Jerry remembers about the magazine, more a reflection on Jerry than the magazine. Pleased to say it does not seem to have harmed the sales of *Mote*. Larry Niven met the editor of that zine, and the editor wanted him to see the review of *Inferno*. The reviewer couldn't find any metaphors. *Inferno* was the second highest earning SF book published by Simon and Schuster.

Patron Saint Fred Patten was given an Amazing Three cheers!

Patron Saint Alan Frisbie was honored. He is also the Sacred Flying Disc. Scratch: he doesn't show up often enough. He has a marvelous dry sense of humor. Last time Scratch saw him was at the B.G. Workman wake. Alan is a member of That Family. A number of years ago when Joe was scribe and a certain person was President, Alan was being noisy and told to go outside. Alan then had to be called back in, because it was his saint's night. Alan Frisbie is one of the few people in America who's been bitten by a wombat.

Patron Saint Alan Frisbie was given three cheers and a dog to catch him!

Registrar Michelle announced guests. They are not only guests, but they're new members: John Geyer and Amanda Geyer.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. James Busby was asked to speak...

The Chinese did successfully dock to their space station. They lived aboard it for a week, then did a manual undocking, backed away, then docked again. Stayed a couple more days, undocked, and are scheduled to land tomorrow morning. And an hour later, they'll want to go back up. German added the launch of the Chinese woman was on the anniversary of the first Russian woman's launch.

On the other end of commercial space, there's been another glide flight of Space Ship 2, and a test of White

Knight 2. They hope to fire the ship and rocket engine by the end of the year. Jerry interrupted to explain the problem with composite solid/liquid engines. The solid tends to break up, creating sudden changes in reactive surface area.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin announced: Goodreads count is 163 and counting.

The **Committee to Gouge** met to auction off the soda flavor.

Reviews: Hare: *A Beautiful Friend*, the juvenile by David Weber with the Treecats, is a fun book. It's the story of the first girl to be adopted by a treecat.

Bill Ellern reviewed the Getty Villa in spite of Carmageddon. The authoress was Lindsay Davis, writer of 20 historical fiction novels. She is well enough known to be invited to the Getty. She will be striking out in new directions in Roman history, because the friend who got her into writing the current series has died. Asked if there would be more presentations, she said yes. Bill suggested SF authors. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Jerry Pournelle would like to review *Already Among Us*, an anthology edited by Fred Patten. IF you like furry stories, these are some of the best.

For those who don't like coffee, there has been a study showing that coffee drinkers live longer. It doesn't matter if it's decaf. It's nice to be able to go to all the people who said coffee would kill them and say "Nyah," but they're all dead. Actually, you live longer, but it stunts your growth. (*Real actuality: you do not really live longer, it just seems that way.* - ed.)

Jim: in the next two weeks, a shuttle will be moved in Downey, the first one made, a mock-up with no name. There will be a huge tent by the Columbia Center to hold it. It will be open to the public.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff recently saw that National Geographic channel did a poll of 1100 people and found out that according to these people President Obama is better suited than Mitt Romney to defend against an invasion from outer space. That's because he could be played by Will Smith – Sue Fox Davis.

Miscellaneous: Arlene: Pick up around you. If you brought food, take care of it and wipe down the table.

Frank Waller is an old coot. (*Frank ain't so old.*—ed.)

We adjourned at 21:25.

Meeting 3908, July 5, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

Ask not for whom the bell tolls! It tolls...for meeting #3908 of the LASFS! Coming to something resembling order at 8:08, we saw the changing of the guard with newly elected president Matthew B. Tepper presiding

with assistance from plucky young sidekick and newly anointed scribe, Elizabeth Carlie.

President Tepper offered the former administration of Marcia Minsky and Karl Lembke many thanks and applause for their service, and welcomed back our returning VP, Treasurer, and Registrar: Greg Bilan, Elayne Pelz, and Michelle Pincus, respectively.

The traditional cold and unsympathetic reading of the minutes was made, and former president Marcia Minsky paid \$1.00 to name them "And A New Regime Shall Rain."

A new order of business was presented as part of the agenda: Passages, recognizing members of the SF community or the public interest at large who have passed on.

The **Committee to Gouge** did so with a modest assortment of seven lovely books.

Registrar Michelle Pincus followed, announcing that there were no guests.

Patron Saint Doug Abe was honored. Joe Zeff noted that the last recollection he has of Doug coming to a meeting, he came with used books he handed out at random. He was very nice, and downright normal for a LASFS member. President Tepper noted that Doug was a nice fellow who attended meetings in the Eighties and Nineties, but now lives in Hawaii, which is why we don't see much of him. **Patron Saint Doug Abe** was given three cheers and a SPAM sandwich.

Committee Reports: Arlene reminded us about the Ray Bradbury memorial on 7/7. Dr. Pournelle mentioned filming the memorial for later sale, and that Ray would approve. The notion has already been entertained, and we're going to see what we can do. With regards to the memorial, Elyat Poliner will be heading the potluck.

CLJII unveiled the Lantern of Jack to begin taking donations for an October autumn celebration. President Tepper's partner in crime, Deb, volunteered to pass the Jack, as it were.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science** for us: at the Large Hadron Collider, the discovery of the Higgs Boson has caused quite a stir in the scientific community. The Higgs Boson particle has been, until now, a mythical particle that explains why some other elementary particles have mass. It has been referred to as "the God particle" for this reason. He also made note of the possible visualization of filaments of dark matter.

Dr. Pournelle pointed out gravity nearly drove NEWTON crazy. Anyway, he shared some reminiscences about having met Fred Hoyle at the Library of Congress and the Stradivarius violins stored there. Bottom line: Higgs Boson corroborates standard theory. Dark matter's all about relativity, the two have nothing to do with each other. Higgs Boson, it's huge, mind you, but the stuff we still DON'T know could fill the Library of Congress yet.)

REVIEWS! Mike Donahue reviewed his trip to Vidcon, a convention for the creators of Youtube videos and other social media outlets. He found out about it at Wondercon when a vidder tried to interview him...it turned out to be Hank Green, one of the Vlog Brothers and a founder of Vidcon. He had some lovely observations about people reaching out through sites like YouTube and essentially living through the computer, touching lives and doing some good. All in all, very fun.

Hare reviewed the Cleopatra exhibit at the California Science Center: he enjoyed it, everything was very well preserved. He followed by seeing the dinosaurs at the natural history museum, and said it was too short.

Fannish Committee Reports: This featured a word from Hare: his cat died, eaten by a coyote, and his mother just got a new dog. It's a Chihuahua, about half the size of Goober, for those that met him.

Elyat reported that her car needs brakes, and she just had a major moth infestation in her kitchen. She had to clean out her cabinets, spray, lost \$300-500 worth of gourmet food, had to get maids in to help clean up. Add that her engine light is on, and Elyat finds herself under a lot of stress.

Arlene asked everyone to police their area, take snacks if you brought them, and wipe down the table if a mess was made, we don't want bugs of our own.

A motion was made to adjourn, and seconded.

Meeting 3909, July 12, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

And lo, with a mighty roar in the night, meeting #3909 of the LASFS came to order! David Okamura paid \$2.50 to name the minutes, and generously donated the privilege to the scrappy spitfire serving as club scribe, one Elizabeth Carlie, who named them "I, Too, Have A Voice!"

Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister! Members of the LASFS share their memories and kind words about their fellow and friend... Milt said of Marc that his cartoons show up all over the English speaking world, in fanzines here as well as Britain, even in Australia. He suggested that someone nominate Marc for a Best Fan Artist Hugo Award. He's never been nominated, and it's a shame! David remarked that Marc took it on himself to redo the planters when the clubhouse moved. He waters, helped set up the irrigation system, and took it on himself personally, so everyone should have a look. Dr. Pournelle seconded Milt's vote to nominate Schirmeister for a Hugo, it's a damn shame he's never won it. He also said that Marc's taught him more about the history of film & animation than anyone, and given that he's forgotten a lot of it, he has Marc to remember and teach him all over again.

Marty Cantor met Marc back in the Seventies at the first clubhouse. He's very happy to use his art on covers for APA-L. Marc is probably the best fanartist who's never made the Hugo short list, and he really deserves it. Marty will use his work whenever possible, and hopes that when Marc gets the time, we'll get his work on the door to the print room. It's board approved, Marc just needs the time. President Tepper agreed that Marc's association with the club goes back to the early or mid Seventies. Once, Elliot Weinstein & Mike Glier & Matthew found some of his work and found themselves saying "Who is this guy?!" He does serious & silly with equal panache: everything from serious art based on the Lovecraft myths to silly galloping horses & dinosaurs. Marc even designed a float that was in the Rose Parade, representing the City of South Pasadena.

Joe Zeff also mentioned Marc's Rose Parade credit, and President Tepper added that Marc's offhand comments sometimes floor him with their humor. Once, while watching a cartoon with a bouncing ball singalong, Marc remarked out of nowhere, "Next week, we're going to sing Gregorian chants & follow the bouncing cube!"

REGISTRAR: We have guests! Collectively, there were nine total with four new members, including both the Ray Bradbury Memorial as well as the Second Sunday open house. First we have Skylaire Alfvegren, fan name Elf Hellion. Skylaire researched us, came for the Memorial, and is a freelance writer/researcher. She went on to officially join the club. Next was John King Tarpinian, fan name John King. He came for the memorial, is also a new member, and is interested in old school fandom. He is also an accountant.

Brenda Cox Giguere found us on Facebook by way of the Memorial. She's interested in all forms of science fiction, and works in film & video production services. Another new face that found us for the memorial via Facebook was Shoshana E. Paige, and lists her occupation as "looking for one." Linda Marin enjoys science fiction/fantasy, is a Renaissance Faire participant, and a clerical worker. Carla L. Bollinger found the Memorial, and us, through the Daily News events page and is a promotional advertising specialist. Marlene Kunert heard about us through her husband, and works in purchasing. Finally, from the Memorial we have Richard Heft, who likes vintage science fiction from the 1940's-1960's, and works as a staff writer.

From Second Sunday, we had Leo Walker, who came via a link on Dr. Pournelle's Chaos Manor. He likes science fiction, military science fiction, as well as general. He works as a realtor. Michelle then paused for a brief violation of a long-standing rule AGAINST clothing reviews: she told us that Lois Lane liked her outfit. She also informed us, in Christian's absence, that there was no Committee To Gouge.

Also, food refuse isn't being disposed of properly. Kitchen trash isn't being emptied, be good sports and haul your heavy food rubbish out to the dumpster. Like Jim said: to leave all doubt, please throw it out.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS: On the RAY BRADBURY MEMORIAL, Arlene declared that Ray would have been very happy. There were 63 guests who signed in, probably more overall. There were several speakers; Matthew helped read some announcements from those who couldn't make it. Many people spoke, there were video presentations, and so forth. All in all, he would have loved it had he still been with us. Matthew Tepper remarked that all the video really made it feel like he was present, and Arlene continued on to say that the event didn't start until 2:30 and went on until six, with people lingering. Many people visited just for the Memorial, and those who knew him personally thanked us for our efforts.

The whole affair was videotaped, so that's being copied and sent to the family. Someone's also going to put that up on YouTube, with a link on the website. Big thanks go out to everyone who helped...clean up, set up, and Eylat for the potluck. There was lots of cooperation from all.

Matthew extended thanks to Arlene on behalf of the club, and sounded the Aetna parking warning. He went on to say that we were on Agenda Kind-Of-Light, so encouraged a completion of announcements.

MOMENT OF SCIENCE - DAVID OKAMURA: David spoke of concerns that parents are raising kids in too sterile an environment, making them more prone to illnesses because there's no exposure to dirt, and therefore no antibodies can be built to keep them healthy. A recent study says one way that's effective in inoculating kids? Pets! A dirty dog can be a child's best friend. Even house pets who stay indoors improve immunity in children, but there's marked improvement with outdoor pets who play outside and return with various forms of disease, bacteria, and so on.

In the same vein, there's evidence that cats carry similar disease...or rather, parasites, one in particular: toxoplasma gondii. It's a protozoan, and a cat is its optimal host. In fact, it can ONLY reproduce in in cat's intestines, though it infects other creatures. To return to its natural environment, it's been known to affect the brains of mice: it actually makes them run TO cats to encourage reproduction. The parasite attacks the part of brain responsible for sexual arousal. It's a bad day for mice, but a free meal for cats. When it eats the mouse, the parasite returns to native environment.

To that end, we have to ask: does this happen to us? Yes, 10-20% of Americans have this parasite thanks to litter boxes & undercooked meat. (*Uncercooked cats? I had a hunch that cats were food for something... - ed.*) A study in Denmark checked the infection rate & suicide stats in women, and found a marked increase in terms of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, & suicide among those with this parasite. There was a 90% increase of attempted suicide in one instance. (*So, these people run to get eaten by cats? - ed.*)

REVIEWS: Milt reviewed WESTERCON, out Seattle way. There were few LASFSians, but attendance was just under 1000, the largest in 10 years. It was at the same hotel as NORWESCONS, they had one there about 10

years ago. The selection was different from cons down here.

Larry Niven gave a review of Ursula LeGuin's THE DISPOSSESSED...about 40 years late. He blamed her, it beat A MOTE IN GOD'S EYE for a Hugo, and he stayed mad about this long. It's very good, and an excellent character study. Ursula did her level best to deal with subjects interesting to Libertarians. It was a pure look at capitalism vs. libertarianism, something both science fiction fans and straight up libertarians can love.

MISCELLANEOUS: Hare Hobbs presented photographic evidence proving why clothing reviews are BANNED at the LASFS.

Arlene Satin asked everyone to pick up around them, clean up food in back, and wipe the table down. Also, please pick up chairs since Gregg Bilan isn't here to do so after programming ends. CLJII noted, just before we adjourned, that there's a bedbug infestation in this neighborhood: exercise caution! (*Betteer yet, exercise your indignation.* – ed.)

**Board of Directors meeting
July 8, 2012
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin, and Elayne Pelz. Warren “Whiskey” Johnson had an excused absence, as did Eylat Poliner and Rob Powell.

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Frank Waller, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Matthew B. Tepper, Joe Zeff, Jim Busby, Tim Trzepacz, Michelle Pincus, Tom Safer, Toni Benoun, Sherri Benoun.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

Opening Remarks: The Chairman welcomed us.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of June 2012, were accepted as corrected.

New Members: The following people paid their \$5 and applied for membership in the Society: David S. Pass, Daniel (Danny) Pass, Gilbert Berg, Martha Stilson, Amanda Geyer, John Geyer, Carol A. Sperling, Taylor Scott, John King, Skylaire Alfvegren. They were approved, unanimously.

Treasurer: We are down an amount which can be gotten from the Treasurer, and our electricity bill is not as high as in our previous building.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): Vice is down, discretely working on more of it – in the future there will be more of it.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Bill Ellern): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 22,668 units to date, 315 units this period. Soda money: \$17337.25 to date, \$315.00 for this period. Purchased kitchen supplies, this month. Last month's paper goods are still in good supply. //Frank Waller mentioned that our First Aid kit needs refreshing.

Library (Warren “Whiskey” Johnson): (No report from video curator.) Elayne says library has run out of money for this year and wants to transfer \$1200 from the general fund with half of it going for shelving in the storage room and this was moved, seconded, and passed.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): I got a request from the International Costumer's Guild in the person of Bruce Mai - they are archivists - wanting to get together with us vis-à-vis setting up some sort of network to benefit both organizations. Marcia read the e-mail from Mister Mai. Lee Gold mentioned that Milt Stevens has the original Dik Daniels photos. There was a discussion of just where Dik Daniels' photos should be stored and in what sort of media should be used. Marcia is directing Mr. Mai to Barry Gold.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Bug bomb seems to have done the job of ridding the premises of some creepy-crawlies.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Our equipment was used at the Memorial and it worked fine. (Arlene.)

Events (Eylat Poliner): Christian reported on LOSCON 39. // Arlene reported on the Ray Bradbury Memorial. It was well attended with 63 people signing in. At least nine new people arrived with 4 of those joining the society. We had speakers and videos plus the pot luck went very well. The Memorial ended around 6 pm.

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