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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 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

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MARCH 6 - Vote for LOSCON 42 - - Tom Safer Presents
MARCH 13 - Steve Barnes
MARCH 20 - BIG Auction
MARCH 27 - Special Business

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

CALENDAR DETAILS

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
 FWEMS -



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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 493– February 2014. 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.

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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](mailto: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-modified Intel quad-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

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January - June, 2014

President: Eylat Poliner. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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

Arms: Heather Stern.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at www.lasfs.org)

LETTERS OF COMMENT

BJO TRIMBLE: Generally, John and I have given up on correcting the error-filled bios of older fans, but in the interests of art as well as science, we thought we'd answer this one question: How do you draw a smiley-face on a sunny side up fried egg? Since we were at that breakfast, mainly because it's always entertaining to share a meal with Harlan, we can verify this.

First, you have to get said egg fried to a totally solid state. That's why Harlan didn't want to eat it. Rotsler always carried felt-nib pens for quick-draw. While Harlan was raising a fuss with a waiter who obviously didn't give a damn who Harlan was, or why he was yelling about an egg, Rotsler pulled the plate with the offending egg to himself and quickly drew the face. Then Bill silently slid the egg back in front of Harlan.

When others at the table saw the egg, there was general hilarity, which of course enraged Harlan even more. The waiter looked down at the enhanced egg, did not smile, and walked away, causing another explosion from Harlan. Then he saw the egg, glared at Rotsler who

looked back as if he had no idea about all this, and Harlan decided it was funny.

John and I were running that Westercon Art Show, so we should not have been surprised when Rotsler walked in with the egg still on its plate, and registered it as an entry in the Art Show. It was displayed, with a bid sheet. Then some upper-level hotel staff member saw it and demanded that it be removed. We showed him the art paperwork that made it a legit art object, and he stalked off.

Another, higher-level hotel person showed up to demand that the egg be removed "for health reasons". John pointed out that the egg was so ossified that it had passed beyond food into fossil, and qualified for exhibition. The Art Show was ignored by the hotel after that, except by the hotel housekeeper in charge of that room, who wanted to know if she should dust the egg or not.

The egg sold to someone, but I believe we had to find a paper plate for it as the hotel threatened to charge the convention an outrageous sum for their "valuable" plate. They didn't want to break up the set. -- Bjo

(Thank you, Bjo. This is the first time I have heard the entire story - and I have been in fandom for almost 40 years. - ed.)

ROBERT LICHTMAN: *Milt Stevens must have a flaky memory judging from the Patron Saint part of the minutes:*

"Milt: he was a TAFF winner in the late 60s." *Ron won in *1962*.*

"He was at Cal Tech, a very active fan in APAs, SAPS, and FAPA, and did a project enlisting all FAPA members back to 1937." *Ron was never a member of SAPS. And using the word "enlisting" to describe his list of FAPA members for the first 100 mailings brings an hilarious mental picture to mind of him summoning back all those members.*

Bill (Ellern?) also misspoke: "He and Carr started a monthly fanzine just reporting events around fandom, the first fanzine of that type." Not the first by a long shot, the most similar predecessor being Jack Speer's STEF-NEWS in the '40s. But Tucker's LE ZOMBIE also reports fan news even before that. All just further evidence of the club's disengagement from fandom and fan history....

Meeting 3979, November 14, 2013
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Having failed to palm the job off on someone else, President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3979 to order at a half dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Christian McGuire bid \$3 to name the Menace "Dreidel dreidel cookie". They were so approved. And there was much rejoicing. (yay).

Patron Saint Milt Stevens: Hare Hobbs: He put on the first of a long line of Space Conferences. This is

Hare's first real experience with getting into the space program despite growing up in a family that worked on it. (What your parents do doesn't count) Scratch: He's a man of many talents and long friendships. Scratch's ex-wife knew him in high school. He's a man with lots of information, if he doesn't know, he'll send you to one who does. Marty: "He's one of the finest fan writers to come along in decades. Marty always tried to get contributions from him for his genzines *No Award* and *Holier Than Thou*. As an ex employee of the LAPD, he always had interesting and sometimes very funny stories to tell. He's well worth talking to.

Matthew Tepper: Ditto Marty. Also, Milt is very learned and widely read in SF. Stanley Weinbaum, he's your man. Also current Hugo nominees. Proud to know Milt and grateful for every opportunity to hob-nob with him. CLJII: most important thing about Milt is, when he was doing covers for L depicting Dr. Buchman, he was part of Epitome of Evil, Ltd, along with Bruce Pelz, Craig Miller, and Sue Fox. Joe Zeff: Since we moved to this clubhouse, Milt has been trying to get the parking on Aetna modified so it becomes tow-away later, like around midnight. He's gotten the mayor's office to refuse to acknowledge his calls.

Matthew Tepper: Not mentioned yet: Milt is a benefactor to the club. The couches in the sitting room were his donation. He was a principle underwriter of the WI FI we enjoy. Jerry Pournelle: Because of Milt, Jerry has an undeserved reputation of being a great convention chairman. When they put on the first space development conference, Milt did all the work and Jerry took the credit for it. Eylat: Pleased to have been chauffeur a couple of times. He's a mensch. And he's a sweetheart. **Patron Saint Milt Stevens** was given Three Cheers and a 2% bonus.

Patron Saint John Trimble: Scratch: one of the small skills he has is marrying his wife. She has helped sf and Star Trek to be what we think of them today.

Hare Hobbs: Bjo is known for doing lots of things but John is there in the background. He's always working and helping, including helping to petition to keep the space program going. Matthew Tepper: it used to be a truism that the first person one encountered on arriving at a con was Forry Ackerman and the first person encountered at Westercon was John and then Bjo.

Milt: He chaired the '65 Westercon, the first Milt attended. He also edited Shaggy back when the club had a fanzine. The Trimble period was one of the better periods. **Patron Saint John Trimble** was given Three Cheers and a ton of rope.

Registrar Michelle introduced Wendy All, who heard about us from Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, and Alex Pournelle.

The **Committee to Gouge** did so,

And then David Okamura held a **Minute of Science**. Be careful on the freeways because there are lots of travelers going long distances. Before partaking of turkey and stuffing, say a prayer for another traveler, Comet Issa, making its first visit ever to the inner solar system.

On Thanksgiving, it makes its closest pass to the Sun, and may not emerge on the other side. Bill Green added you can see the comet now. Go to a place where the sky is dark, around 5:30 AM. It rises before the sun.

Reviews:

Jeff: Last weekend, went to Rod Serling conference. 2 days of people presenting papers written about Rod Serling projects. Very academic but incredibly interesting. Ended with a beautiful dinner.

Mike Thorson found a YouTube channel, "Cinema Sins Presents Everything Wrong With". Everything wrong with Star Trek Into Darkness -- goes through all the bizarre oversights, irregularities, and foolishnesses in the movie. Been participating in comments, and one of the posters has pointed out since Khan was in suspended animation for 300 years and Star Trek Into Darkness is set in 2242, Khan and followers must have been engineered and launched into space in a V-2 rocket.

Miscellaneous:

Registrar Michelle announced another guest. John McCarthy

Eylat: Nottingham festival in the Simi Valley grounds where original Ren Faire was held. It's a nonprofit and they hope to keep it that way. (*The Renaissance Faire site on the Paramount Ranch, south of the Conejo Valley and north of Malibu. Technically, it is in Agoura Hills. The Simi Valley is miles north of the Conejo Valley.*—ed.)

David Gerrold has confirmed for meeting #4000, April 10, 2014. (*A former Director of the LASFS, the position now titled President, he has returned several times to wittily run a club meeting.*—ed.)

Jerry Pournelle: Richard Pournelle is VP of a commercial space company called Nano Racks. If you can fit your experiment into a 6" box or a 10 cm cube, you can send it through his company. They also have nano-sats. 10 cm cubes launched as satellites. This company also knows all the weird NASA regulations. It turns out it's amazing what you can do with little tiny satellites. Gavin: now we know how LASFS can get a satellite.

Debra Levin moved for adjournment, and We adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Meeting 3980, November 21, 2013
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

She's back! President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3980 to order at a half dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read and approved.

Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum: Marty Cantor called him a nice guy who still shows up once in a while. He

once won an Emmy for sound work. He still works in that industry. When he was writing zines for APA-L, people kept spelling his name with 2 ns, so he started writing his name with two ns, one slashed out. He started signing his zines with a slashed out N. Hare: Tanenbaum worked on Avatar. One frustrating thing was the Academy decided only the sound people who worked in New Zealand were eligible for awards. He's a nice guy, and fun to listen to. Matthew Tepper and Debra ran into him at Fry's and found him a genial fellow. **Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum** was given Three Cheers and a Chinese lunch.

Committee Reports:

Mark Poliner is now Junior Warden at his Masonic Lodge.

Registrar Michelle was summoned. We have a guest! Julianne Tura.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. Not silence. Nuts are linked to a longer, fitter life. (*I find it hard to believe that fans, although nuts, are fitter.*—ed.) Those who are allergic are not the best candidates.

We note the successful launch of MAVEN, to investigate the Martian atmosphere. (more)

Barbara Harmon observes wishing someone "nuts to you" is a wish for good health.

Fannish Committee Reports:

Doug Crepeau: A new life form has been discovered. A new genus of bacteria has been discovered in ESA and NASA clean rooms. It turns out everything else had been killed in those rooms, this bacterium survived and thrives in the absence of its natural predators.

Reviews:

Hare: Theresa Moore has a book, Destiny 4 is in a series. Vampires in space. One thing she says in introduction is inspired by TV and books she's read, so she's purposely doing things that are in the mold of those books and shows.

Milt Stevens: Efanazines.com has lots of publications, some strange. (*Well, as my NO AWARD #8 was the first zine uploaded to efanazines.com, naturally things up there will be strange.*—ed.) Some even about SF. It goes on the shelf #34, by Ned Brooks. Every now and then he does an issue on the strange books he finds at his own house. Collection of paintings of Margaret Brundidge, Last Train to New Zealand, Ballooning to the Center of the Earth, and a book that maintains Jack the Ripper was really Lewis Carroll. Milt commented back that the Ripper was really Florence Nightingale, since she's the least likely suspect.

Miscellaneous:

Matthew Tepper commented that we should make note of the passing of a writer who moved from genre to main-

stream, Doris Lessing, Nobel Prize winning author. She passed earlier this week at age 94. Jerry Pournelle: Lessing was the first winner of the Campbell Award. This was the award named after Campbell that was never awarded to anything he would have bought.

Matthew Tepper and Scott Beckstead moved for adjournment, and we adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Meeting 3981, November 28, 2013
Marty Cantor, presiding
Marty Cantor, Scribe

(Complete **Menace** were read at the meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm and the President Pro Tem welcomed the attendees to Freehafer Hall and the thirty nine and eighty oneth meeting of the Society. The President Pro Tem mentioned that most of the usual attending members were playing hooky at some silly convention down near the airport but the real members tried and true were here at the LASFS clubhouse.

Marty Cantor, the Treasurer Pro Tem, mentioned that he had been prepared to offer a motion to divide the LASFS' treasury between the attending members but was again frustrated due to the lack of enough members to constitute the quorum necessary to legally pass this motion. Also, there is not enough money in the treasury necessary for all of us to make a clean getaway.

With that, the committee in charge of the Special Order of Business lamented that he had nothing to report because no fans had the good grace to die this past week. Whatever is this world coming to

The reading of last week's minutes by the Scribe Pro Tem was declared to be the programme for tonight's meeting. The Scribe Pro Tem then proceeded to read last week's minutes. Coldly. Unsympathetically. As per tradition

The minutes were accepted as presented even though there was some discussion if the bacteria discovered in the ESA and NASA clean rooms were a new genus rather than a new species. It was decided to leave in the word "genus" as that was the word that was recorded in the minutes.

Patron Saint Frank Gasperik: Marty mentioned that both Jerry and Larry put Frank in a lot of their stories. He could be a pain in the whatever, but he was an interesting person. Marty mentioned a trip up the coast Frank took with Jerry. They would go into a bar, Frank would start playing his guitar, and the two of them did not have to pay for their drinks for the rest of the evening. Tom Locke: Frank knew a little about a lot of different things. He would contribute constructive material to the stories to what Jerry and Larry wrote. Frank contributed the name "Snouts" to "Footfall" by Larry and Jerry – and the name stayed in the story. Frank was good with the guitar, both folk and filk.

Marty mentioned that Frank wanted his Patron Saint date to coincide with LOSCON so that he could come in

from where he was living in Arizona. Most years, unfortunately, the date Frank chose did not coincide with Thanksgiving, but this night was one of the nights his Patron Saint date DID coincide with LOSCON. Unfortunately, Frank is no longer with us and could not easily attend this year's meeting. **Patron Saint Frank Gasperik** was given Three Cheers and a 12-string guitar, always in tune.

Tom Locke gave us a **Moment of Science:** he read an article about a group of space advocates talking about why we should colonize Mars. They wrote that we should learn how to live off the land on Mars so we would learn how to live off that environment because Earth would have a population of 11 billion by the end of this century so that learning how to live off the resources of Mars would make us better at learning how to live off the limited resources of Earth.

The Tom Locke Committee to Auction off a slice of pumpkin pie auctioned it off and the Marty Cantor Committee to Eat a Slice of pumpkin pie won the auction at \$1.00.

There was no **Old Business** because none had previously been proposed. There was also no **New Business** as that requires signatures.

Reviews: Tom Locke gravely reviewed Gravity. It was a case of one having to suspend one's belief in science because they had a lot of science wrong but it was quite a good story in spite of that. He recommended that everyone should see this film but one should take their astronautics hat off if you do. Marty mentioned that there are a lot of movies which could be good but people like us pick at them because they use bad science instead of good science and could make better movies had they used good science. Plus there are lots of people who could advise them on how to do things right.

There were no **Fannish Committee Reports.**

Miscellaneous: Bill Green was still complaining about Halloween. This was mostly because not many people showed up at his place. Barbara Harmon mentioned that she had lots of visitors but Tom Locke and the Committee to Grump both had no visitors.

Tom Locke moved to adjourn: the motion was tied so the Committee to Break W/i/n/d/ Ties changed his vote from abstain to aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor,
Scribe Pro Tem

Meeting 3982, December 5, 2013
President Pro-Tem Michelle Pincus,
presiding
John DeChancie, Scribe Pro-Tem

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3982 to order at

ten dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read. This was an unsympathetic cold reading, and approved. Matthew Tepper noted that as of a few years ago, someone was supposed to create an object shaped like a gorilla with a clock in its stomach that would contain some of Frank Gasperik's cremains. The project seems to have gone away. When it does show up, Frank can be the Jeremy Bentham of LASFS and be noted as Present but Not Voting. David Okamura paid \$1 to name the Menace "Meanwhile, back at the LASFS". They were so accepted.

Marty Cantor reported there were four at the meeting last week.

Committee Reports: Marty Cantor spoke about the LASFS Gift Exchange, Friday 13. We may see the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover again. We will see hot spiced cider. Others are welcome to bring stuff for a potluck. And we're going to have fun!

David Okamura offered a **Moment of Science**. Comet Issa did not survive perihelion. It may have gotten scorched, but seems to have fallen apart completely.

SpaceX managed to get their satellite into geosync orbit, and the Chinese have sent a rover toward the Moon. More items to be posted

Patron Saint Marty Massoglia: Matthew Tepper observed Marty and his wife Alice used to run A&M Booksellers in Canoga Park, but finances forced them to move to Arizona. Marty is one of those who seems to know and remember every SF story he's ever read, heard of, or stood reasonably close to. He's a fine fellow, a good bookseller, and good at what he does. Matthew was glad to see the two at LOSCON. Joe Zeff: Back when Marty was attending, he was among other things, a Hellacious Hell player, exceptionally good, and always in the Hell Five

CLJII: Marty is to SF literature as I am to motion pictures. Marty is very opinionated and has many ideas about how things should be run, especially LOSCON, and will bend the ear of anyone who can't get away. Fortunately, it's always something different each year. Nick Smith says Marty has provided good stuff for LOSCON, including helping with program ideas. He also proved a good contact for older authors. Mike Thorsen: Marty has very discerning tastes. He always had good things to say about the Virtual Masquerade each year.

Joe Zeff: Marty has very strong and knowledgeable ideas about how the dealer's room should be set up. He'll share the ideas if asked.

Patron Saint Marty Massoglia was given Three Cheers and a 25¢ book bid.

Registrar Michelle was summoned. We have a guest! (*Unfortunately, the name was not recorded in these minutes.* - ed.)

Old Business = nomination of Presidential candidates.

Eylat Poliner was nominated. Nominations were recessed until next week.

New business:

Resolution #1: Resolved: That Society Standing Rule #4 be amended to read as follows: Effective January 1, 2014: Membership application fee is \$10.00. Resolution carried first time 25/1/1

Resolution #2: Resolved: That Society Standing Rule #4 be amended by adding the following clause, effective January 1, 2014: 4. ... Children under seven years of age are not required to apply for membership. [Effect is to clarify the membership status of minors; now children seven years and older are expected to apply for membership in the Society after they have attended their three meetings as a guest (like all other prospective members), if they wish to continue attending. They will have all rights and privileges as other members, with the exception of serving on the Board of Directors; the Society bylaws require that Directors be 18 years of age or older.] Motion tabled 23 / 3 / 2 / 1 present

Chairman of the Board is to call legal counsel to ask about liability involved in making minors full members

Reviews:

Larry Niven had a great time at LOSCON. Joe Zeff reviewed the masquerade. The sound system was painfully loud in the front seats reserved for handicapped people. Hare Hobbs enjoyed LOSCON. Yes, there was cost cutting, and some of the stuff that was missing was missed. But we need to promote it better and get more people. David Okamura appreciated the emphasis on the make room area. He suggests it become a major part of future LOSCONs.

CLJII: had a nice time at LOSCON. One thing very gratifying was that the Evans Freehafer Award was presented to David Okamura. Matthew Tepper observed that the decline of print media has been greatly exaggerated. He also introduced the founder of Friends of Klingon and Lawrence Schoen, founder of the Klingon Language Institute to each other. Matthew Tepper: they're both LASFS members of some renown, and both friends of Kingon Elst Weinstein. They were going to meet sooner or later...

Scott (Jester) LOSCON was a blast this year in spite of his head injury. Thanks to Con Ops for getting him bandaged. Mark Poliner: It was a decent LOSCON, with lots of neat stuff to do during the con. Ice Cream social went off without too much trouble. Kudos to Hotel for doing what it was supposed to do. Two panels were very well attended and lots of fun. And by the way, next Friday he will be installed as Junior Warden of his lodge. He is now leadership. Neko: Enjoyed with one reservation, dealers room. Books and costuming were represented, but no games, none of other items. He suggests we try to court businesses that might be interested. Look at Strategicon and other cons.

Sasha wanted to thank whoever brought the Arduino people. Anna Poliner liked the costume workshop. Debra Levin: enjoyed the con, was able to go to the Regency dancing and dance with Marty Massoglia.

Karl Lembke enjoyed Green Room. Hare: Yes, dealer's room was a problem, but you go to cons with the dealers you have, not always the dealers you want. Eylat surveyed the room to see who enjoyed the chocolate festival.

Julie suggested putting the Make Room in its own room. Cathy Beckstead said it was a terrific LOSCON, thanks to all who came, staff, workers, speakers, etc. Eylat thanked Christian McGuire and Cathy Beckstead for an awesome con.

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller mentioned 2904 Magnolia Blvd Burbank, Creature Features bookstore. They have lots of neat stuff. Cross Street is Catalina. Right next to Aero Books. Phone 818-842-8665

CLJII misced that there are a couple of changes to the Metro system. In particular, they're changing the schedule on the 154 bus to accommodate a route change. Anyone using that bus may want to know. The 94 is making a significant detour in the vicinity of the airport, so won't service Lincoln but will service Empire center.

Matthew Tepper notes Asimov frequently used in his stories was elementary school kids studying programming.

Mike Thorsen was unable to attend LOSCON. He was afforded the opportunity to work. This included room and board at the Hard Rock hotel in Vegas, and a restful 15 MPH drive on the freeway to and from. But it paid two months' rent.

David Okamura saw in the LA Times business section, Whimsic Alley has settled an infringement lawsuit with the studios that handle Harry Potter in the US. In addition to licensed goods, they were selling copycat goods. They will have official Harry Potter stuff, and will branch out into other fields such as Game of Thrones and Dr Who. Gallifrey One people might want to investigate. Place fliers? Paige Willey: In order to do fandom items, they're having art festivals. In fact, there's a festival this weekend -- Saturday 11-4. They're also bringing in licensed BBC stuff for Dr Who.

Scott Beckstead moved for adjournment, and we adjourned at 9:18 PM.

**Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2013
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, Mike Thorsen, Gavin Claypool, and Warren "Whisky" Johnson. Elayne Pelz, Rob Powell, and Christian McGuire had excused absences.

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Frank Waller, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Matthew B. Tepper, Joe Zeff, Scott Beckstead, June Moffatt, George McUrso, John DeChancie, Tom Safer.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:14 am.

Chairman (Karl Lembke): Welcomed us to the December 8 meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of November 10, 2013, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were 5 applications for membership submitted by Dennis Lafollette, Allison Meyer, Katie Griffith, Caitlin Doolittle, and Elizabeth Reed. They paid their \$5 and were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer (Elayne Pelz): We have no money and you can't spend it. (The report was given by Michelle Pincus)

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): Michelle said Anime L.A. would like to borrow some equipment. Moved, seconded, and passed. Eylat said Gallifrey One would like to borrow some equipment and this was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): Gift Exchange. The Gift Exchange is next Friday. At this point I am not certain if there will be hot spiced cider.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): We have been holding our Board elections at the wrong time. Gavin said that he re-read the by-laws and reported that the by-laws said that we had to hold the Board elections on the regular meeting before Thanksgiving and we have been holding the elections the week before that. Changes/adjustments will have to be looked into.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 28,078 units to date, 304 units this period. Soda money: \$22,843 to date, \$304.00 for this period. // Purchased paper products, cleaning fluids, lights for the library and courtyard vestibule, and received a generous donation of soda and food from LOSCON, saving us a goodly amount of money.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): Yes, we have a library. We got lots of new books from LOSCON. There is still a problem of book storage.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): No report. Lock problem: the security gate in the other part of the building. (This was reported by Mike Thorsen).

LAFAs

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 7 PM

Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm. See notes

House of the Prancing Skiltaire

Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley

13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA 92844

(714) 539-6547

Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, Do-it-yourself burritos, ingredients provided. [Extras appreciated]

Directions: Thomas Guide Orange Co., page 798, C-7

Filk style: Guided Chaos

Notes:

1. Very limited crash space available; call ahead to see if it's possible.
2. There are no critters with more than two legs inside the house.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!!
5. There be computers here! (PC clones)

LAFAs info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No problems reported by Karl.

Events (Eylat Poliner): LOSCON: people were happy with the con. There have been people saying that this was the best programming at LOSCON in several years. (Matthew mentioned hearing Elayne reporting the numbers: total members, 1070, attending members, 1004.) Lee Gold mentioned that the actual attendance numbers are on web site. // There was a discussion about the number of people who had comped memberships at the con. // Eylat discussed the possibility of future LOSCON chairs not paying for current LOSCON because he or she is working hard on his or her LOSCON at the current LOSCON. Karl mentioned that the chair of a given LOSCON should not have to pay a membership fee for that LOSCON. It was decided that this was a LOSCON decision. // Chaz wants to reserve the first Saturdays of each month for the COSPLAY Sewing Circle event. Chaz' programme is becoming very successful. There was a discussion about groups using the clubhouse on Saturdays and Sundays. // Scott: 155 members for LOSCON 41. // The Second Sunday event in February will be a Soup/Stew Bowl.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): No report.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Pasadena Library – nothing new to report.

Club President (Eylat Poliner): We are having meetings. Issue number 1 passed with no discussion. Issue number 2 did not pass so we will bring it up again next month with some changes. It was moved, seconded, and passed to change age 7 to age 13 and change the effective date to March 1, 2014.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Not much going on – new members added.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Gestetner (Marty Cantor): Marty Cantor that the Gestetner is probably dead. He *might* be able to get it fixed; but, if not, he will replace it with a laser printer at his cost.

SF Museum: Michelle reported that this is legitimate and not a scam, but we do not have money to help support it. Michelle is removing the proposal.

Open Forum:

Eylat reported about candy she purchased for LOSCON – the candy got stolen. Other things are getting stolen. It was discussed that a storage locker might be rented for several months of the year for LOSCON, Gallifrey, and Anime LA to store things for those cons.

The next meeting of the Board will be on February 9, 2014.

Thorsen requested that the President tell the club to not abuse the newcomers until they at least pay to join.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**NEW
LASFS
DIRECTORY**

The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
upon request:
xl spreadsheet, or
pdf

For those without on-line
or printer access
Elayne will provide a printed copy upon request
for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

TEMPORARY FOOD BAN AT LASFS

An announcement from The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.

On February 9, 2014, the BOD passed the following resolution:

There will be a temporary ban on all food being brought into the entire property of the LASFS, starting March 1. Already scheduled special events - LA 4000 and Pan Formal - are exempted from this ban.

We have a rodent problem at the club. A rat was sighted and upon further inspection, two nests were discovered. Droppings were found in multiple places. A box of stored books has been chewed and magazines have been shredded.

We have engaged professionals to rid us of the problem, but it will take time. They will close off all entry and exit places they can find and set traps to catch the rodents. This will take at least 6 weeks, but it may take more. We need to do a major clean up of the clubhouse and go through all stored boxes of books for further damage. To support the professionals efforts we are going to make a necessary sacrifice to help this process.

Starting March 1, 2014 : Until we are sure the rats are gone, no food, at any time, will be allowed anywhere on the premises.

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All groups and any individuals will be expected to follow this resolution. Anyone found in violation of this resolution will be asked to leave. If they are a key holder, their key will be taken away and any group found with food, will not be able to meet at the clubhouse in the future.

Every week there are cookie crumbs, potato chip crumbs, candy, pizza bones and misc. cups, papers, food wrapper and boxes left all over the clubhouse. This is the primary factor in the rats presence, apparently the rats favor M & Ms because one of the nests consisted of wrappers from this candy.

We need people to learn to pick up after themselves or this will happen again!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD ONTO THE PROPERTY AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.

*Two events that have already been scheduled (LA4000, Pan Fandom Spring Formal) and pre-sold will be granted qualified exceptions, but they will have to assure the board they have a plan and volunteers to carry out a thorough cleaning when they are done.

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Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society

**Code of Conduct:
Respect Yourself, Others,
and the Property of LASFS.
Treat them Respectfully
While On the Premises**

PARKING

THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED

NO, NOT ON AETNA

The MTA (which controls parking for the Orange Line bus) has graciously allowed LASFS to use the lot to the northwest of the clubhouse. From Tyrone, just drive west on Aetna until you get to the entrance to the parking lot (which will be on your right). The after 9 pm restriction on Aetna does not apply to this lot, so those parking in that lot need not move their car at 9 pm.

LA

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*A celebration of the longevity of the oldest continuously active science-fiction club in **this** world.*

***Saturday and Sunday
April 26th and 27th
Noon to 8 pm***

*Memberships
\$25 through March 31, 2014
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*Scheduled to appear
David Gerrold * Larry Niven * Jerry Pournelle
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and others*



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