



JANUARY 2015

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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 Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JANUARY 1 - Barbara Harmon and Eric Hoffman discuss the career of actor Kirk ("Superman" Alyn.)
JANUARY 8 - No programme
JANUARY 15 - **BIG** Auction
JANUARY 22 - No programme
JANUARY 29 - Presentation by Susan Fox and Gene Turnbow of Krypton Radio.

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
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS -

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AS THERE IS NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH, LASFS WILL OPEN AT NOON ON SECOND SUNDAY FOR BOARD GAMING AND SOCIALIZING.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 502– December 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.

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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.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, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.45. 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
January - June, 2015

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

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren “Whisky” Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob “Gizmo” Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children’s Literature:** Anne Morrel, Editor. **Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

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

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)

Meeting 4015, July 24, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4015 to order at 8:01.

Comments from the President: A lot of the people who would be here are in San Diego at ComiCon. Despite that, tomorrow night, some who will be playing Mah Jong or Hell will be down there, but Board Gamers will be here. If you don't know what Euro-games are, show up.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$1 name them “Herman” They were so accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: We have some money, don't spend any of it.

Patron Saint Ed Green: From the Hagiography Served multiple terms as club president, Board member and Board Chairman. LOSCON chair. Always willing to share info about comics or military matters, two things

he knows a lot about

Matthew Tepper considers his absence a great loss. He was one who helped guide the LASFS for several years. One time, Ed and Matthew ran as a team. Tom credits Ed for helping him get started on TSPC. (So *that is whom I should blame.* - ed.) CLJII: Ed Green is featured in a book in the library, he appears in Blonde Bombshells.

Anna Safer: Ed Green's name was mentioned in an Odd Couple episode. Tony Randall's insurance agent was Ed Green. Thorson: If you want to Google him, include his middle initial L. And you need to spell his name properly G-R-E-E-N. Spelled out so the people listening in on our meeting can get it properly. Karl: He's in acting, and might some day be the Ed Green in a TV show might be ours.

Thorson: After weaning himself off comics, Ed brought in Hero Clix, a game centered around comic book characters. **Patron Saint Ed Green** was given Three Cheers and a secret chevron.

Patron Saint Tom Safer: Anna Safer spoke: He's the best husband in the whole wide world. He takes very good care of her. Eric Hoffman: Besides being a good friend, is as crazy as I am about movies. He's a living animated cartoons. He knows more about the Warner Brother cartoons than anyone I've known in a long time.

Mike Thorson: because of his proclivity with Warner Bros cartoons, Tom is not only a patron saint, he's our sacred video projector. Last year he paid for our license so we can show many of these things. Scratch: He's a nice guy. Matthew Tepper: Tom and Anna are dear friends of him and Debra. He's the lifeline for anything having to do with cartoons.

Jerry: He sings pretty good. He's in three choruses. (Anna is the stage manager for one of them) Joe Zeff: he's very conscientious about taking requests and making sure they get into the show. Peter Santell: Loves the movies he shows, and actually sings to the movies when they're on.

From the Hagiography: Fan of Bugs Bunny and other cartoons of Chuck Jones. Frequently shows these cartoons at the club and other venues. Has a singing voice good enough to get him membership in several local choruses. Married to Anna Safer and devoted to her.

He's also a sacred object. He's the sacred video projector. Still dithering over his \$3K choice. **Patron Saint Tom Safer** was given Three Cheers and that wascal wabbit.

We don't have a **Registrar**, but we have no guests either.

Board Member presentation: Thorson: this club is supported by member donations and internal fundraisers, but also by trying to stem the tide of waste. In the last several months, there have been a few things happening. We've had troubles like: during the food ban when we had the coffee service out, someone came in and

took away the contents of the instant coffee, instant soup, and creamer. Recently, this was found to have happened in the kitchen. We also need to find out who went in and diluted the liquid soap. We have a nice thing going here, and we need to not ruin it by costing the club money it shouldn't have to spend. // We also have the problem of people donating DVDs to the club by putting them on the shelves of the library. We find DVDs that aren't in the database.

At this point we'd normally have a small action, but it was so small we couldn't find it.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Janis Olson: Jonathan is in a musical review tomorrow night at 7 at the First Presbyterian Church, 5000 Colfax Ave, Valley Village. Suggested donation of \$10.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. Sad news of the passing of test pilot Henry Hank Hartzfield Jr, copilot of Columbia, commanded Discovery, and Challenger on its penultimate flight. He joined NASA in 69, but had to wait 13 years to get into space.

Tech News: Toyota has been doing well with the Prius, and now making a hydrogen fuel cell car to be introduced in Japan next year. It will be an expensive proposition for them. Hydrogen fuel cells can get 430 miles on a single fueling. Problem: infrastructure isn't there yet.

The Costa Concordia is underway again. They managed to re-float her, and she's on her way to Genoa to be scrapped.

Long-belated honor: the first airplane technician. In addition to the Wright brothers, Charles Taylor was a self-taught mechanic who was able to create a gasoline powered engine that was very lightweight and got the plane off the ground. He has finally been recognized.

Jerry Pournelle: a week ago, three days of zero sunspots. In 2012 was a huge solar flare that missed the Earth by 10 days. This would have knocked out the electrical grid. Someone calculated a 10% chance something like that will happen in the next 20 years. This might be a good time to start going survivalist. Good writing opportunity.

Bill Green: Kepler satellite has detected those flares on stars in its field of view. For stars like the Sun, we get a Carrington type event every 450 years or so. Jerry Pournelle: The way you calculate probabilities has to be indirect. Based on observations of the aurora sightings in low latitudes, we figure these events occur about every 2-3 hundred years.

Reviews: Eric Hoffman: The good, the bad, the ugly. Good: likes to listen to old radio programs, and is now listening to Captain Midnight shows. Came across a book, "Radio's Captain Midnight" the wartime biography.

Bad and ugly: Alaine Silver has written good books about movies: The Zombie Film from White Zombie to World War Z.

CLJII: The Avenger of Olympus, a book put together using the silhouette he drew for one of his characters. It's a very striking cover and he's really pleased.

Miscellaneous: Milt Stevens learned something new from a Steve Styles fanzine. There are ouija boards online. He asked one "should I boil my headphones". "Yes, that seems like a good idea." He included a cartoon suggesting he'd better win the Hugo this year or he'll start turning people into Smurfs.

Anna Safer: Not a Darwin Award, but an honorable mention. A guy trying to kill a spider with an aerosol can and a lighter. Burned down the house. Not his. // Marty reported on a lady who poured gasoline on a snake to kill it. It crawled into the house and set it on fire.

Karl: Auto accident month of the jackpot. (*And I say, but not with prescience as I am writing this comment a few days after Karl was in another accident, that I think that Karl either hates or loves automobile insurance companies.* - ed.)

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:35

Meeting 4016, July 31, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4016 to order at 8:01.

Comments from the President: We have a new saint: Joyce Lloyd, to be honored on Week 21.

Those who are not aware, we had one of the water mains break in the building. Water to the back building is off, and will be fixed Saturday. This is going to cost a lot of money to fix. People who like to donate money to the club, we appreciate it.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Tom Safer bid \$7 name them "Bricka bracka firecracker sis boom bah! Bugs Bunny! Bugs Bunny! RAH RAH RAH!" They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: This looks nice, but we haven't paid for the plumbing repair yet

Patron Saint David Okamura: Scratch: He's a man of unusual talents, brings us news. Thorson: He's a phenomenal graphic artist, done a number of things for the club, created Thorson's gavel for his two terms of president, does a lot of work in the courtyard, trying to keep our plants from dying. To the best of my knowledge, has never done any of this in work clothes. Debra Levin: He keeps the place looking nice, gives us wonderful science reports, is a nice guy, and does cool models. Kay Shapero, writes impressive filk songs, makes impressive paper models, nice guy

Scratch: makes impressive paper models. Glen Olson: He

talks purty too. Marcia Minsky: He's a heck of a Mah Jong player. Safer: keeps his eyes open for good things to attend, such as animation exhibit at the LA County Fair last year.

From the Hagiography: Origami king. Evans Freehafer Award Recipient. Science Monitor. Helps maintain the plants in the patio, does lots of other things around the club.

Patron Saint David Okamura was given Three Cheers and being unblinded by science.

Patron Saint Sean Cleary: David Okamura: known mainly through filk circles. He's always been a wonderful person. Kay Shapero: Sean has an interesting combination of luck. Thought he was creating a sublist of friends who were filkers. What he did was create a group called Filkers, and added everyone to it. It was one of the finest accidents she ever encountered.

Filker, gamer, Go player. **Patron Saint Sean Cleary** was given Three Cheers and a filk book with blank pages to fill in.

Registrar Michelle introduced some guests: Jay. P. Africa, came for Friday Night Dice. There were also Michael Andreas, and Matt Blitz. Also a new member, Chris Horrocks!

Board Member presentation: Elayne: we will have water by Saturday evening.

Moment of Science: David Okamura rose to give some sad medical news. The Ebola outbreak is becoming serious in three nations. One of the most high profile doctors died of that disease. Two American medical professionals have tested positive. They seem to be doing well. One is here in a tightly quarantined facility.

A second medical thing: someone coined a phrase, "Organlegging" some years ago. Unfortunately, a special EU prosecutor investigating war crimes things this has happened in Kosovo in 1998-1999. 10 cases where people were executed and organs went missing. We suspect executions may have been timed for transplant operations, but this may be the first time we've seen it as a war crime. We hope stem cells and 3-D printing of organs will put a stop to this. We doubt the networks have gone away over the past 15 years.

Tom Locke: The more hard science item is about NASA designing a Mars rover to land on Mars in 2021. It will include a device called Moxie, converting CO2 into oxygen to use as an oxidizer, burning hydrogen brought from Earth, but maybe extracting something from Mars to use.

STNG did not want to spend money on sets including buttons and switches, so they had everything as touch screen graphic displays. This will be featured in the Orion space craft.

It being the end of the month, we had a tiny little auction.

For the soda auction, Mike Thorson explained that all's well that vends well.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Barbara Harmon: Her husband has an article in August Alter Ego "I remember comic books" a reprint of his 1957 piece. This triggered the re-interest in comic books. (*Cartoons, comic books - where are all of the readers?* - ed.)

Kay Shapero: those familiar with Victoria -- she is performing as an operatic poodle at Santa Monica college this weekend. (*Arf ... arf ... owoooooooooooo!* - ed.)

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:44.

**Meeting 4017, August 7, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4017 to order at 8:00

Comments from the President: Marty Cantor had a brief comment. We have two water mains into the building, one serves this bathroom, the other which broke, serves the other bathroom and the kitchen. It cost \$3500-3700 to fix. Insurance covered some of it. This is why things like these auctions and other gouges take place. .

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$2 name them "supercallifragilisticexpialliodocious" They were so accepted, atrocious as they sound..

Treasurer's Report: Treasury: All spent!

Patron Saint Edward Hooper: Tepper: Of all the people I've met in LASFS in the last decade or so, Ed is the most fun. He's up for enjoying the company of other people on little or no notice. He is a real sweetheart. He is a treasured friend. David Okamura: He bleeds Dodger blue. Karl Lembke: He is about two thirds of the man he used to be.

Scratch: He's a good friend to all. Karl: LINUX!!! **Patron Saint Ed Hooper** was given Three Cheers and a Free BSD distribution.

Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle: Actually not here this week! Scratch: Jerry Pournelle is a gentleman of the old south unless he's yelling at you. He writes well, he's one of my five favorite authors, and though I've known him since 1971 as a person, I still call him "sir". When reading his and Larry Niven's work, he would frequently try to guess which is which author's work, and was usually wrong. Francis Hamit: He encourages new authors, and is a good friend despite. Matthew Tepper: I value Dr Pournelle's presence and only a couple of years ago got up the nerve to call him "Jerry" to his face and not get killed. Though we differ in politics, I've learned a lot from him and consider him a great friend. In my opin-

ion, there have been three great pairs of collaborators, Niven and Pournelle are one of them.

Michelle Pincus: He will respect you if you can back up your arguments. Larry Niven: Dr Pournelle has shaped my life in a lot of ways. He got me into the Citizens Advisory Council for National Space Policy. He had a boat when we met, and couldn't afford the upkeep. He gave me half the boat in return for paying for the docking and so forth. This got Larry exercising more. CLJII: Last week, Jerry sat and listened to our speaker. Steve hadn't realized that was Jerry Pournelle, and was very impressed when he learned.

Barbara enjoys everything Jerry says, and he's a good reason for coming here. Marty: when Jerry was a pipe smoker he was one of Marty's customers at his pipe shop.

Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle was given Three Cheers and a former evil empire.

Patron Saint Tim Merrigan: Hare Hobbs: Tim was one of those mild-natured people. Only one time did he show any anger. We were helping Mistie Joyce move, the weekend of the Santa Claus Lane Parade. We even told the people not to pen us in. Tim was upset when his car was penned in, anyway. The only thing he liked was being able to see Iron Eyes Cody. Matthew Tepper: He is generally easygoing and relatively quiet for a fan. He collated APA-L for 18 years. He has a trademark look: a leather hat with buffalo nickels banged into it.

Marty: Not only was he OC of APA-L, he put out De Profundis for a while. It was fairly regular, but Marty made one change ... Tim would have a list of events, Marty added a calendar. CLJII: Tim is one of the members of the club with funny animal analogs in the Woodland Area Science Fantasy Society. Tim decided he wanted a Manx cat with a prosthetic tail.

Patron Saint Tim Merrigan was given Three Cheers and Collators!

Board Member presentation: Karl: Board meeting Sunday. Second Sunday activities follow.

Moment of Science: David Okamura rose to talk about our local animal friends. (*Local Animal Friends? Well, some domesticated animals might evince friendliness to humans, but most animals on this planet will either run away from humans or eat them. Animal Friends - BAH!* - ed.) A program to protect whales in the Santa Barbara Channel has been implemented. There have been collisions with cargo ships. Speed limit is 12 knots. But since time is money, the program is paying \$25K per trip. This will also decrease diesel exhaust from the ships, as less energy is required to move at a lower speed.

Volunteers are smashing spiny urchins in the local oceans, which are eating too much kelp. Monterey Bay has been observing what may be a world record. Octopuses tend to their eggs and don't even eat. They circulate water over the eggs until they hatch. They have been documenting one octopus that's been tending its young

for 4½ years.

Finally, a less wonderful creature: The state animal, so declared after the last one was shot in the wild. The California grizzly is similar to the Alaskan grizzly, so let's reintroduce it. What could possibly go wrong -- go wrong -- go wrong?

Reintroducing gray wolves to Yellowstone seems to have helped with the ecosystem there. But do we want grizzlies in California?

We had a falcon fly earlier this week. Space-X launched a satellite. They needed the altitude so no experimental stuff. Also, earlier this week, there have been experiments between NASA and USN on the Orion system.

We think some 900 people have perished from Ebola in Africa. An experimental drug seems to be helping. At least it's helping the two Americans being treated with it.

We had a small auction...

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Francis Hamit announced he and Leigh are going to Europe for a few months. They'll be at Worldcon next week. Doug Crepeau had his 74th Birthday this week.

CLJII: All 8 of his books are available in paper and e-book from Amazon.

Marty Cantor issued the Aetna warning.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:53.

Meeting 4018, August 14, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4018 to order at 8:00

President Marty read a letter from Roy Kettle, OBE, long-time science fiction fan. This is a piece from The Guardian, and it treats fandom quite nicely.

Matthew Tepper notes retro-Hugo winners, including some LASFS members: 1939 winners: Best Novel, T.H. White: The Sword and the Stone, Best Novella: Who Goes There, Campbell. Find the rest online.

We had some **Special Orders of Business**. CLJII announced the passing of Robin Williams, from "Mork and Mindy" and Popeye. Also passed is Arlene Martel, "Outer Limits", "Star Trek".

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Christian McGuire bid \$1 to name them "Insert a clever pun here" They were so accepted, atrocious as they sound..

Treasurer's Report: Treasury: All spent! (We do have some money.)

Patron Saint Mark Bilan: This is not the brother we've met. Mark may be deceased. **Patron Saint Mark Bilan** was given Three Cheers and a rich Klingon relative!

Patron Saint Bjo Trimble: Scratch: A lady of many talents, had referral jobs on movies, including costume design for Flesh Gordon. She has the historical fact of keeping Star Trek on the air. (The only known successful writing campaign to bring back a TV show, except for Jericho and a couple of others.) She's made a saint out of her husband. Christian: She and her husband are a verb. Trimble. Things went into their house, stayed there, and reappeared at some other time. (*Their Gestetner appeared at my house after I purchased it from them.* - ed.) Bjo was one of the chief instigators of getting the first shuttle named Enterprise. Evans-Freehafer winner, and key person at keeping the club moving. She was involved in the invention of the art show at SF cons. Nick Smith: Amazing fan artist, wackiest except for Schirm.

Hare Hobbs: Bjo took what she did with STrek and applied it to fighting for the space program. She is owed thanks for that. Jerry Pournelle: just prior to the assassination attempt on Reagan, the pro-space letters were running higher than those of the veterans. Tom Safer: It's been a long time since he's seen her, but she put on Equicons, and she's a fun person.

Christian: She has been involved in the creation of film cons. Other people created Equicon, the Trimbles co-opted it. She was the dancing girl in The Genie, with Fritz Leiber as the genie. Eric Hoffman: She wound up getting him in conventions because he had friends with film rental libraries. Scratch: She was in the SCA. Early member. CLJII: She is the one who told an entire convention of people that CLJII was the conscience of the LASFS.

Patron Saint Bjo Trimble was given Three Cheers and a Trouble with Trimbles.

Registrar Michelle introduced some guests: Don Glut, filmmaker and writer, Andrew Mayne, Steven L Sears, Corbin Galvein, Kayla Locks, and Kyte Lockett.

Moment of Science: David Okamura rose to speak about a couple of updates. The Grizzly Story has come to the attention of the Director of US Fish and Wildlife Service. They have no intention of reintroducing grizzlies to the State. If they find their way on their own' they'll be accommodated.

Lifeguards at Manhattan Beach had to warn people there were four juvenile Great White sharks in the area.

Ebola: experimental drug hasn't been tested for safety, efficiency, or anything else, so there are ethical concerns. It's so bad now, the WHO has given its OK to use it under these circumstances. Liberian physicians have been given a couple of doses.

There is a hotel that will soon have a robotic bellhop. It shuttles small items from the main desk to the guests' room. Don't tip; hit it's "like" button.

We had a small auction. Just a little piece of the auction. The Vallejo book brought in \$7.

Miscellaneous: Mike Stern would like to mention he's now married to a dead woman. Lucy lost her purse. She drove back here from home, saying "my purse is missing". Getting out of the car, "Oh my, it's on my arm."

Joe Zeff was involved in the Million Veteran Program -- health and DNA database of as many veterans as possible. As of latest newsletter printing, membership is 250K. Oldest is 103 year old woman.

Tom Safer: Surrealism -- tricky salesmen trying to sell him Brooklyn Bridge. A real bridge is for sale in Multnomah County. Because of its age, it's a historical monument.

CLJII is renaming his online computer poor Judd, because it seems to be dead. (That's what you get for buying from Fry's?) It hasn't worked in days. Yesterday, got a call from a helpful gentleman from someplace in Pakistan. He found many viruses in his scan that day, and he wanted to help eliminate them.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 8:56.

Meeting 4019, August 21, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4019 to order at 8:00.

Comments from the President: For those worried about such things, we have a cockroach problem. We're paying for Dewey already, we're going to have them bring in a hit squad. Between 8 and 10 AM on a Thursday, the inside will be sprayed. The day before, we'll have people show up and take everything out of the kitchen, bathrooms, and put them on tables.

Volunteers willing to show up Wednesday evening and the following Thursday before the meeting should give e-mail address to Marty Cantor.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$2 name them "Carl's Folly" They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasury: All spent! ***** total

We are on Agenda Lite because we have a big auction tonight.

Patron Saint Marilyn ("Fuzzy") Niven: Scratch: Fuzzy has been known to wear pink, is married to a well known SF author, has an expanding taste for jewelry, and been known to host important meetings at their house such as the Civilian Advisory Council that Niven and Pournelle were on, and works tirelessly directing the management of art shows. Nick Smith: She has a wide range of artistic pursuits, including lace. She is one of those with a sense of esthetics that goes in interesting directions. And she's organized. Jerry Pournelle: She has

the impossible task of keeping Larry Niven connected to reality.

Larry Niven: Marilyn's been through hell and is coming out the other side. She was 3 months on her back with no knee. She's now had three artificial knees, and is learning to work the third one, and is learning to use a walker. Marty Cantor: You can only say nice things about her; she's a nice person.

Patron Saint Fuzzy Pink Niven was given Three Cheers and a Jane Russell movie! (as long as it doesn't last 18 hours...)

Patron Saint Michelle Pincus: Marty Cantor: she happens to be our Registrar. Marcia Minsky: from what I can recall, she's been registrar for over ten years, and that is the longest that any registrar has held the position to the best of her recollection. Michelle enjoys playing Mah Jongg and occasionally playing Hell. Paige Wiley: handed Michelle flowers.

Tom Safer: She has a tireless work ethic and I don't know a nicer person to be at the club. John DeChancie loves this little chick. David Okamura enjoys seeing the Wild Elf Girl and looks forward to Friday night Mah Jongg games. Larry Niven: Michelle Pincus holds civilization together locally.

Nick Smith: What people don't see is Michelle tries to make connections between visitors and the club. She was the first non-Pelz to talk to Nick about the workings of the club. Joe Zeff: When she's in the mood, she's a good Hell player. She's also lifetime positive in the game. Mike Thorson: It should be noted that she is not just a procedural officer, but a member of the BOD and an Evans Freehafer award winner.

Patron Saint Michelle Pincus was given Three Cheers and a no-three bid.

Patron Registrar Michelle Pincus introduced Louis Mazza, Betsy Hobbs, Chuck McFate, and possibly others.

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

Nature Intrudes again. Occasionally we sight bears in the foothill communities. Today, a matter of concern: residents of Seal Beach, Long Beach, Belmont Shore, and nearby are reporting coyote sightings. Some pets have gone missing. The coyotes seem to be very bold and not afraid of humans.

Less of a nuisance are seals intruding on a local beach. The response is to close the beach. (*I am certain that the seals will not come up onto the beach once they read the signs forbidding them to do so.* - ed.)

A family in Orange videotaped a creature passing through their yard. This is the first sighting of a badger in Orange County. No one reported any particular odor from the badger.

Smaller creatures, such as West Nile virus. Virus Detec-

tors: There's a population of captive chickens throughout the city that get blood tests to see if they have West Nile. If the chickens show up positive, we know mosquitos with the virus are in the area.

The two Americans infected with Ebola are doing much better now. They have been released.

As for other microbes: A Soviet scientist has said when cleaning out debris from ISS, they cleaned out exterior illuminators. They've found microbes and plankton.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Marty Cantor announced tomorrow night there will be board-gaming at the club.

Reviews: Milt Stevens Our current serials is a sub-genre of rocket suit things. A fanzine on EFanzines.com has a zine called Fadeaway. Issue 42 has an extensive article on rocket suits in movies. It also has a long article on propeller beanies. There's a lot of neat stuff in this fanzine, and a lot of neat stuff on EFanzines.com.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed a book titled Beowulf: A Translation and Commentary by Christopher Tolkien. He's taken the translation of Beowulf his father did and an entire section of JRR's lecture notes on Anglo Saxon literature. It will tell you more about both Anglo-Saxon and Beowulf than you actually want to know.

Miscellaneous: Strategicon Gaming Convention is next weekend, down by LAX.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:43 PM

**Meeting 4020, August 28, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4020 to order at 8:00.

Comments from the President: Nothing much this time. We've put off the cockroach eradication program on account of lack of access in the library. Some 3-4 weeks from now, we'll have a cleaning party to prep. Then, early the next morning, they'll spray and we have to clear the building for 4 hours.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$5 name them "I don't know what do you think we should name it, Karl?" They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasury: We have some money. Don't spend any.

Patron Saint Allan Rothstein: One L Alan, he's a beast. Two L Allan, he's a priest. But of milk I'll bet a gallon, you won't find any three L Alllan!

Matthew Tepper rose to call Allan a delightful, sweet, kind hearted, generous man who only had 62 years on

this planet. Took Matthew in when his health was bad. Matthew's health got better, and Allan's got worse. A couple of incidents that stand out. On the way back from a shopping trip, Allan spotted a yard sale, including a giant Mickey Mouse. Allan collected Mickey Mouse items. He laboriously dragged his oxygen tank over, spoke with the lady running the sale, came back with the statue. So Allan, how much was it? "I got the lady to agree to take \$10 for it." How much was she asking? "Five"

CLJII: Allan A Rothstein was a hale fellow well met. In his duties as probation officer, CLJII remarked he was a gentleman and an officer. Later in life, when required to drag around his oxygen, he found out his doctor forbade him to take exercise, but he needed to go out and walk. He and CLJII would go to the Glendale Galleria and walk there. He got one of his children to marry into the comic book industry. Joe Zeff: another story: a few years before he died, he made a fannish committee report about his health. His doctor told him losing weight would not help with his medical condition, nor would exercise. He was thrilled at getting doctors instructions he was sure he could follow.

Tom Safer: Once, with the Angeles Chorale, Tom performed a piece Allan's son Steven had written. Allan attended the concert as a proud father. Jerry Pournelle: Allan and I were never very close, but were pretty good friends. Not long after we'd moved to the second clubhouse, Allan invited him to be a guest at his son's bar-mitzvah. Fortunately, Elayne Pelz sat next to him and explained the arcane rites to him. Then there was the party at the Odyssey. It was a nice reception and party, and sometime during the party, he was informed he and Bruce Pelz were the guests. That meant being among the four people who lifted the kid in the air on a chair and bounced him around. The boy was eventually appointed resident composer at UCLA.

Marty Cantor: he was strongly Jewish, and also a minister in the Universal Life Church; and, in that capacity, he officiated at the wedding of Robbie and himself. We were the first to get married at the second LASFS clubhouse. Good memories. June Moffatt: Allan liked to shoot road thingies, but he went for sign thingies. Once he went to her place, drove around, saw sights including apartment buildings named after Carpenter songs. Matthew Tepper: Allan shared a middle name with another famous LASFS member. Anson.

Patron Saint Allan Rothstein was given Three Cheers and a Mickey Mouse outfit!

Registrar Michelle Pincus introduced guests and new members: Valerie J Ortega, Steve Goodpaster, R J Ryan-Seuter, Cat Ellen, Maggie Secara, and Laurel Greenstein.

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

The ground has been moving. Fortunately, it was before the crush season. They should be able to salvage the crop. Overall, the western US has been rising. The drought has taken away so much weight that on average,

½ " elevation change on the crust. The mountains around LA have gone up around half an inch. If we replenish the water, the land will subside. But even that half-inch change can influence the local climate.

A place that's already dry, the race track in Death Valley, has rocks that move and leave tracks. Scientists have thought it was wind that blew the rocks around when the ground was muddy. Scientists have caught the process. You need rain, ice, sun to partly thaw the ice forming a layer of water under the ice that lubricates. Under these conditions, a very light wind will move the rocks.

Private use of drones: The National Park Service doesn't want drones in the parks. One crashed in Yellowstone, causing damage that will take years to heal. Disney has filed three patents on uses of drones. Flying screens. Flying Tinkerbell. Virtual firework shows.

Jerry Pournelle had a comment. Back when he and Niven were doing research on Death valley for scenes in Footfall, the mystery of the roving rocks was very much unexplained. Speculations ranged well into the fantastic.

The Committee to Gouge the LASFS had a small auction.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Marty Cantor announced tomorrow night there will be gaming at the club.

Reviews: Bill Green went to Coppercon. Last year they lost a ton of money. This year they cut back. It was a pretty good convention, with everything but masquerade and party. They had a tax lawyer on tax planning for the coming zombie apocalypse. He wrote a book full of un-deadpan humor.

Miscellaneous: Marty Cantor mentioned a gaming convention down by the airport. People who like gaming can play games at the club between 5:30 and 11:00.

Frank Waller announced ladies night out and food trucks and a car show on Magnolia Blvd, 7-10.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Meeting 4021, September 4, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4021 to order at 8:00.

Comments from the President: This will be a short meeting because of tonight's program!

Special Order of Business: We note the passing of Joan Rivers, voice of character Dot Matrix in the Spaceballs franchise. She was also in Iron Man III. She was 81.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Sharon Sheffield bid \$2 to name them "Direct from

Nash-Ville." They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasury: We have money. You can't spend any of it.

Patron Saint Greg Bilan: Marty Cantor: He's not here today, which means Marty had to set up the chairs for the meeting. Scratch Galloway said of Greg, he helps. He paid to have his brother made a saint, and he's a good Klingon. Marty: Greg has been very helpful. He also used to do a lot of cleaning up, set-up of chairs and furniture. He came up with the idea of signing LASFS up for the Festival of Books. Scratch: His normal mode of transport is quite green: bicycle.

Patron Saint Greg Bilan was given Three Cheers and a Double Gulp of blood wine!

Patron Saint Emil Luwish: Scratch: Never met him, but his son obviously thought highly of him.

Patron Saint Emil Luwish was given Three Cheers and a dutiful son!

On Friday nights, the clubhouse is open at 5, and until 11, for board-gaming.

Registrar Michelle Pincus introduced guests. Last Thursday, Mishell Baker introduced herself. We also have Svetlana Tzeneva.

Committee Reports - programming: As the Lantern O'Jack was passed to pay for the Autumn Holiday Party, on Sunday, October 26. There will be a number of haunted house films, including one about a haunted lighthouse. 2PM until 10 or so.

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

The Albino monocoat cobra, the terror of Thousand Oaks, has been captured. It is now at the LA Zoo for observation. Marcia Minsky heard the "gentleman" had been told the sacs had been removed. Then several weeks ago, he'd been bitten. If his ex had not found him, he'd have died.

In Long Beach, a 70 year old man has died of West Nile, and there's a Caribbean virus that cause horrible pain in the joints.

Every half century or so, we have a massive supernova. Not something you want to be too close to. On January, people noticed a supernova in the cigar galaxy. Also, Betelgeuse could blow at any minute. When it does, its brightness will rival the Sun.

About 10 million years ago, a nearby cluster of supernovas went off like popcorn, creating a bubble called The Local Bubble.

The Committee to Gouge the LASFS had a small auction. Among items auctioned is The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat (Oliver Sacks)

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Elayne Pelz announced a new saint. Barry Workman has been assigned week 40 (October 2, this year).

(Gabriel Genteel) approached Tom Safer to borrow the occasional cartoon night to be a substitute host.

Elayne announced a giant book sale October 4, 9-6 at Elayne's house in Granada Hills. This will be a sale of donations, culls, etc.

Eylat was at ENT (audiologist) and has been declared legally deaf. At least now it's legal!

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:47 PM

**Meeting 4022, September 11, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4022 to order at 8:01.

Comment from the President: This will be a short meeting because of tonight's program!

Special Order of Business: We observed a moment of silence in memory the honored dead of the events thirteen years ago.

Matthew Tepper rose to report the passing of Agent and Editor Kirby McCauley

Yesterday, Richard Kiel, Jaws of James Bond, and numerous other roles, passed..

And we had another moment of silence for these two individuals.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Scratch Galloway bid \$2 to name them "And a good time was had by all." They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasury: We have some money. Click on the "Donate" button to send us more!

Patron Saint Dale Hales: Matthew Tepper specified his name is Barksdale X Hales IV. CLJII said of him, Dale's being a member of LASFS is proof there are only 300 people in the entire world. They were friends in sixth grade, lost track of each other, and met again at LOSCON 11 in 1984. He and his father have the same sort of relationship George McUrso has with his father. They used to sneak into the Casa Adobe after dark, because they could. Joe Zeff: Dale was always one of the Usual Suspects for LOSCON loading and unloading. He is a very good D&D and other RPG gamer. He is named after an ancestor, General Barksdale from the civil war.

Scratch: His D&D playing -- he could be a very good player unless he broke out one of his God-given artifacts, whereupon it became hard to keep balance in the game.

Matthew Tepper: Dale was a fellow well met, always cheerful, always a pleasure to be around. In particular, he recalls something he did ten years ago. Allan Rothstein had passed away earlier in '04. His family donated quite a variety of objects to the LASFS. Many were auctioned off, and Dale was the high bidder on many of them.

Mike Thorsen: Dale was an avid role player. He also ran a very challenging D&D game. He is generous, and usually brings stuff to the club. When he shows up during the Holidays, he usually brings hot spiced cider. Marty Cantor: At the gift exchange, Dale sits next to the table and helps people unwrap the gifts. He shows up at the Newton's for board-gaming every month. He's a very nice person, and generous.

Patron Saint Dale Hales was given Three Cheers and a ticket to the national gorilla suit day competition!

Patron Saint Mike Thorsen: Marty Cantor called him a very good person. Debra Levin said Mike is one of those who keeps the place running. He's most likely to set things up for the meetings, keeps the place clean, and he's a nice guy. Scratch: He has an ungodly amount of patience and understanding of computer games.

Barbara Harmon: Always sees Mike working. Most of the time he's in motion. He's always working, and he's very good to work with. Matthew Tepper: Special thanks to Mike Thorsen because he along with Gizmo are generous with their time and patience, and have shown willingness to his stepson for computer gaming.

Usual remarks: Mike is a hard worker. He also knows how to have fun. Some years ago, was meeting some people at the old clubhouse to carpool to Universal City Studios. Someone noticed Mike in the computer room. On a whim, invited him along. He agreed, and a good time was had by all. Dined at Marvel Mania restaurant. When Thor appeared on the monitor screen, Mike looked at it and said, "hi, dad". Joe Zeff: Mike Thorsen often comes up with ideas in combat for RPGs that the rules don't quite cover. He also found an interesting way to take advantage of the AI running the game. If the insurgents see a satchel charge, they will explode it with their gun, even if they're standing next to it.

David Okamura: He keeps up the grills and the patio on Second Sundays. He's also assisted with the irrigation system. He's also a very skilled Mah Jongg player. Scratch: Remembers one character from D&D. Scratch runs monsters intelligently. Mike came up with a counter he hadn't anticipated. CLJII: Mike has been helpful for movie days and other projects, setting stuff up even when Charlie forgets to ask. Appreciates this, and appreciates that he can talk shop with Mike.

David Okamura: He is a past president, he was responsible for the virtual masquerade. Frank Waller: he does a good job of being a Bob Null. Karl Lembke: he is a multiple-time recipient of the Evans-Freehafer Award.

Patron Saint Mike Thorsen was given Three Cheers and twenty nine cents!

Registrar Michelle Pincus appeared to have no guests to introduce

Board Member presentation: We have a meeting of the BOD this Sunday, starting at 11 AM. After the meeting, we meet for gaming, socializing, and barbecue.

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

More Ebola news: Still rampaging out of control. They're rushing production of the vaccine, even though human tests are lacking. A third American has been returned to the States for treatment. In addition to vaccine, he's receiving plasma from one of the survivors.

The blue whale population seems to be back to its pre-hunting numbers. Apparently not all the populations are out of the woods yet, even though they're in water.

The ozone hole in the polar regions has been measured, and is shrinking. The ozone layer is recovering.

A new dinosaur has been found in South America, the largest yet. Now called "Dreadnoughticus".

The Canadian prime minister has announced the discovery of the Franklin Expedition, 170 years ago.

Jack The Ripper seems to have been identified by DNA. This time, for sure?

Jerry Pournelle added to the science report. 8" of snow has landed in the Black Hills of North Dakota.

The Committee to Gouge the LASFS had a small auction. Shirt happens!

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Milt Stevens commented on the Jack the Ripper case. In one fanzine, they were trying to come up with the most outrageous theory. The most outrageous theory they could come up with was Florence Nightingale. She's got a medical background, and may have assisted in surgeries, was in London at the right time, and explains how women got lured in. And she might have had a demented idea of bringing attention to the status of a whole class of women.

Julie Anyone who has an iPhone or iTunes, an artist has given everyone his artist.

CLJII: Now available on Amazon for 99¢ is a fine article on the Flash Gordon serials written by someone who kind of knows something about them. IT's written by CLJII.

Reviews: Karl Lembke reviewed The Athena Project by Brad Thor. Turns out to have SF because of a device invented by the Nazis and which several governments want to recover for their own purposes.

Miscellaneous: CLJII: There's a commercial running for the Neon Leaf that says if the automobile was invented today, it would run on electricity. In fact, the

world as we know it would not exist, there would be lots of surplus gasoline, and we would not have the electricity grid we have now.

Milt notes there were early electric cars, but batteries weren't that good. In 1910, a Stanley Steamer car made 125 MPH on a salt flat.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:22 PM

Board of Directors Meeting November 9, 2014 Karl Lembke, Chairman Marty Cantor, Secretary

November Board Minutes

November 9, 2014

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

Members and Guests: Joe Zeff, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Matthew B. Tepper, Frank Waller, Ken Williams, Debra Levin, John Hertz, George McUrso, June Moffatt, Jeni Burr.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, November 9th, meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 12th, 2014 were accepted as presented with one abstention.

New Members: There were 4 applications for membership with these being submitted by Svetlana Tzanava, Steven Holeman, Willard Stone, Shoshana Elaine Paige. They have paid their \$10 and were accepted.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): We had money. We have some money but it will soon to go down significantly as the first installment of property taxes are due.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 237 units bringing in \$237.00. Total units to date: 31,169, and total monies to date: \$25,951.00. We have purchased toilet paper, propane, and various and sundry other things.

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, January 17, 2015, 7:30 PM - whenever
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm. See notes
Sandy and Gerry Tyra
Pennies from Heaven
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(661) 943-3660

Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, Potluck. The Tyras will be providing a pot of chili or hearty soup and a big pan of baked macaroni and cheese. People should bring other main dishes, side dishes, or salads.

Type of circle: Bardic

Notes:

1. Lots of crash space available, call in advance for a bed.
2. There is a Great Dane.
3. Children welcome on good behavior.
4. Gas grill available if you want to BBQ meat.
5. No smoking indoors.
6. Silicon lifeforms available for Filk reference only.

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

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): (Acting temporary librarian Gavin Claypool): We are proceeding with magazines - Elayne has preprocessed the remaining magazines.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Nothing new.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Rob not being present at this point, no other Board member had any electronic malfunctions to present to the Board.

Events (Milt Stevens): Willing to let his replacement/new board member sit in on the December board meeting. The discussion about this ended with the general sense that the new person can sit in. // SMOFCON is right after LOSCON. (There was a conversation about SMOFCON.) // Christian reported about the upcoming LOSCON 41 and people should get their hotel rooms now. Elayne said we have significantly more LOSCON members right now than we had last year at this time. Talked about \$5 discount for responses to certain ads - this for next year. // LOSCONS Of The Future: there has been Board approval of giving away the Meridian Ballroom and other contract adjustments.

Fund-raising, Recruitment, and Marketing Committee: (Michelle Pincus): Working on 2015 LOSCON.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Marty Cantor): We are still holding meetings and people seem to be enjoying themselves. One of our programme items was Barry Gold giving a presentation of our web site whilst showing parts of the site on our screen.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Minor adjustments have been made on web site. Lee Gold mentioned that there used to be a LASFS info officer. As Matthew Tepper volunteered to do this job, the Board so appointed him to work with Lee to do this.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Cockroaches (Marty Cantor): Reported about roaches. There have been too many obstacles to coordinating our preparing the building for spraying and with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up at times the Dewey Pest Control person will be here, roach spraying is being put off until January.

Facebook page policy: Discussion about problems with the "official" page. Michelle talked about making it a notification page. We had a general discussion about the page. It was moved, seconded and passed that Michelle create a policy and bring it back to the Board.

Harassment Policy: John Hertz gave us an update on the work. There was a question and answer session with John. John did mention that he wanted to meet, in person, with anybody who had something serious to input into the policy. There will be an interim report to the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be on December 14, 2014.

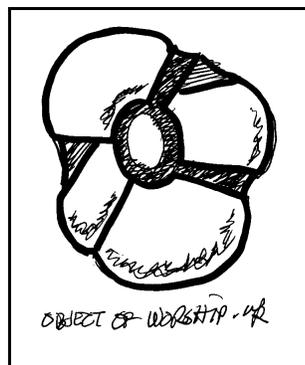
OPEN FORUM:

TAKE-AWAYS:

Elayne will be paying the property taxes.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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