



# DE PROFUNDIS 409



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### Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors  
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization  
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation  
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club  
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment  
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am  
 Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 Readings of SF Shorts - 7:30 pm  
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am  
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

### Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - None this month  
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

### Thursday Program Items

February 1 - What Have You Been Reading Lately?

February 8 - "The Joy of Thinking, The Magic and Power of Classical Mathematical Ideas"

February 15 - Not Scheduled

February 22 - Not Scheduled

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## COLOPHON

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*De Profundis* is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). Our telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. Our web site is: [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org). *De Profundis* is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends & Saints of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines. VAMs are available for \$10 per year, payable to LASFS, Inc.

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We 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, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: [miltstevens@earthlink.net](mailto:miltstevens@earthlink.net). Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [[ ]] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

### Elected Procedural Officers

**President:** Christian McGuire. **Vice-President:** Susan Gleason, Marcia Minsky, Joan Steward, Mike Thorsen, Tadao Tomomatsu (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Mike Thorsen (2007). **Comptroller:** Brett Achorn (2008). **Secretary:** George Van Wagner (2008) **Other members:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009), Ed Green (2009), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009), Liz Mortensen (2007), Cathy Beckstead (2007), Bill Ellern (2008), Elayne Pelz (2008). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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# Loscon Bids

Persons who wish to chair a future Loscon (the LASFS proprietary convention held over Thanksgiving weekend each year) must submit a bid proposal to the Board of Directors at a regular Board meeting. Those bids which are approved by the Board are then submitted to the general membership for approval.

Bids for Loscon 35 (2008) must be submitted at the regular Board meeting in February which will be held on Sunday, February 11 at 11 am. Damned if this doesn't all sound terribly legalistic.

## Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Filk: 7 pm to ???

Pre-filk Potluck Dinner: 6 pm

Terry and Paul Gibbons, hosts

8515 Penfield Ave.

Winettka, CA 91306

(818) 361-6737

(Hit # as soon as you hear a voice to skip the answering machine messages)

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## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

*LASFS Board of Directors Meeting*

*December 10, 2006*

*Karl Lembke, Presiding*

*George Van Wagner, Scribe*

**Board members attending:** Karl Lembke (Chairman), Tadao Tomomatsu, Bill Ellern, Ed Green, Bob Null, George Van Wagner (Secretary), Brett Achorn (Comptroller), Elayne Pelz, Liz Mortensen (procedural treasurer), Mike Thorsen (Vice-Chair), Cathy Beckstead.

**Absent:** nobody

**Others attending:** Greg Barrett, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Anne Morrell, Susan Gleason, Joe Zeff, Marcia Minsky, Fred Lazelle, Marty Cantor, Milt Stevens, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Phil Castora, Joan Steward, Greg Bilan, Gavin Claypool, Scott Beckstead, Maryanne Canfield,

The meeting was called to order at 11:16.

**Minutes:** November minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer:** We have money.

It is time to review the bids for cleaning services and make a decision about the 2007 provider at next month's meeting as the current agreement expires at the end of January.

Insurance is coming up for renewal and there is some research being done as to whether we can get better rates.

There was some discussion of who, if anyone, should respond to a letter from a fan complaining about an issue he encountered at Anime Expo. Elayne Pelz volunteered to explain to this person that LASFS is not associated with Anime Expo and has no influence on any of their actions.

**New Members:** Tamar Gandy of Los Angeles, CA, Betty Schulman of Culver City, CA, and Patty Kim of Redondo Beach, CA were accepted for membership unanimously. A little later, Tom Hegdahl of Forest Falls, CA, Brenda White of Hawthorne, CA, Karen Connell of Nuevo, CA, Richard Man of Palo Alto, CA, and Chris Woolrich of Palo Alto, CA were also accepted unanimously.

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**Facilities:**

**Parking:** There was some discussion of the western neighbor's posting of their parking spaces with "You Will Be Towed" signage, and what our response might be. This broadened out into a general discussion of neighbor relations, parking, and easements. The possibility of re-signing our own parking spaces was brought up, as well as the printing of LASFS member stickers to give out to members. Mention was also made of the abandoned car that has been parked in front of the club for the past couple of months. It was mentioned that L.A. County has a number to call specifically for abandoned cars (1-800-ABANDON, or just dial 311). Tadao volunteered to call the abandoned car number. It was decided that the nuts and bolts of implementation would be moved offline. The motion to send delegates forth to fix the parking spaces was approved.

The eastern neighbor requested permission to use our signpost to place a sign for his dental business. After some discussion, it was moved that permission be denied. This motion passed unopposed.

**Furniture:** 22 of the new folding chairs have been donated. There are 6 more in the pipeline.

**Electronics:** There is the need for some re-wiring and re-cleaning/organization of the A/V cabinet, as it has descended into chaos since the last organization foray. The potential reversal of entropy was taken offline.

The subject of sewing a new light shield was brought up and Elayne volunteered to do the sewing if provided with measurements.

**Computers:** We are in need of valid XP installations for the three new computers. There was some discussion of the best place to get them and a place was mentioned that provides discount software to non-profits. Research is being done and it was moved that budget be approved for the purchase of licenses. The motion passed.

**Marketing:**

Several people had filled out membership applications at Loscon, despite being far enough away that they would not be attending regularly. We were glad to take their money (and see second batch of new memberships above).

As usual, the third Wednesday of the month was the Marketing Committee meeting at the clubhouse, starting at 7:30.

There were articles in a couple of local papers (Daily News and Daily Breeze) about Loscon as a result of the NPR piece recorded at Worldcon airing the week of Loscon. It was suggested that we obtain the proper permissions from the papers to post or link to these stories on the website.

**Gestetner:** Was working fine at Loscon.

**Website:** Is working and is being improved.

It was mentioned that a website has popped up at loscon.net, which is a gaming organization of some sort. The Board is considering if any action is necessary to protect our trademark on the name "Loscon".

**Library:** Inventory is proceeding apace. After finishing inventory, the library will once more be able to accept donations. Said donations can be no more than a single box of books at a time and must be made by appointment with either the librarian or the Board liaison to the library (Elayne Pelz).

There have been ongoing problems with books drifting out of the library and being scattered about the club premises.

The subject of re-keying the building was raised, as library staff have been coming in and finding the library open with no official library keyholder on premises. The discussion of re-keying was tabled until the January meeting, as was the discussion of library acquisition policy.

**Events:**

**Loscon 33:** Is done. Was a success. There were be wrap-up meetings in the future.

**Loscon 34:** Proceeding to schedule. there were 299 advance memberships purchased at Loscon 33.

**Gift Exchange:** Will be happening December 15th as scheduled

**Miscellany:** It was mentioned that the discussion of fund raising and membership fees is still scheduled for the March board meeting.

It was moved that the board meeting for January be extended by an hour, until 2 pm, due to the weight of agenda items. The motion was passed with one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:12.

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**Meeting # 3517, December 7, 2006**  
**George Van Wagner, President**  
**Martin Young, Scribe.**

Meeting 3517 was called to order at 8:12:32

On this day in the near 185, the Emperor Lo-Yang of China saw a star that had not been there last time he looked. On this day in 1934, aviator Wiley Post discovered the jet stream. This day in 1941 is still living in infamy, a surprisingly low-rent neighborhood. Tadao wished it to be known that he wasn't there. But Tadao, everyone knows there were no Scotsman at Pearl Harbor. This day in 1968, the Orbiting Astronomical Observatory 2 was launched into Earth orbit, and in 1972 they launched Apollo 17, the last but not final manned lunar landing mission

George Van Wagner reported the death of James Kim, a senior editor for CNET, and on-air talent at tech world.

We also lost prominent fan Ron Bennet, known as or publisher of Skyrack. He was active from the early 50s, and at one time had a female persona writing a gossip column.

The minutes were read, and approved as "Stop Me If You've Heard This Before.

Our guests were Wyndy Bauchert, and Josh Levine, both of whom are Disneyland cast members. Wyndy's fan name is "Elyssa Lieta," and she loves fantasy. Josh is a professional pirate although, as per Disneyland policy, he has no beard. Never mind that Josh, there were several pirates in history who did not have beards. Of course, they were all women.

Tonight's patron Saint was Marty Massoglia. According to Milt Stevens, Marty knows more about obscure science-fiction than anyone, and can name the author and give details of his career based only on the sketchiest of recollections. Tell him one or two plot elements, and he will give you a list of the stories it could be. Larry Niven recalled the time that Marty correctly identified a story when Larry needed it for an anthology. Doug Crepeau said that Marty had once used a mainframe to create a list of publications and authors after cracking an internal publishers code. Alice Massoliga reported that Marty's expertise is widely known. He was once called by a publisher in New York who had gotten his name from a fellow publisher in Boston. Hare Hobbs reported being told by Marty that the magazine form of a certain story was better, and next week, Marty had all the magazines. Christian MacGuire pointed out that Marty is a dealer

who likes to have a variety of stuff so any kind of fan can get something he will like. He is often relied on Marty to provide just the right book at the right time. George Van Wagner reported that many of the Crown pieces of his collection of from Marty. Marty is also knowledgeable in a matter of mysteries and westerns. Scratch pointed out that Marty runs a very good bookstore, which is grown from an itty bitty operation to a bigger, bigger, and yet bigger store. Martin Massoliga was awarded three cheers and an 800 pound book.

The committee to gouge auctioned an empty bag.

There was no old business, but as a matter of new business we excepted nominations for president. Don't worry, the nominations will be open again tonight. The lobster was nominated, but declined. Scratch was nominated, but declined. Those foolish enough to accept nomination were Matthew Tepper and Christian McGuire.

We had another guest, his name was Frank Gross, or Thelodius. He is a retired high school teacher from Australia, and a part-time guide at the Griffith Observatory.

Next week will see procedural elections for all procedural offices except Treasurer. December 21 will see an open discussion about LASFS funding, which may or may not include the raising of dues. And December 28 will finally see the appearance of Chris Garcia.

The gift exchange is December 15, doors will be open from 7ish on the dot, until God knows when. The rules are in De Profundus. Bring a wrapped gift worth at least \$10 and of fannish interest. Yes Virginia, chocolate is of fannish interest. The gift exchange will take place at about eight, fannish standard Time. I'm told the gift exchange has a purpose, but I've forgotten what it is.

Binding time very tightly, Tom Safer announced tonight's program of two classic twilight zone episodes. Ahhh, your neighbor's pdf is a deadbolt.

Christian MacGuire announced that LAConIV has already donated a large projector to the club, and has paid for next year's storage of extra books for our library.

Michelle Pincus trying to review Déjà Vu, but we wouldn't let her.

Tom Safer reported that the city of London has recently experienced a tornado, which lasted seven seconds and

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damaged over 100 houses damaged. This was, of course, yet another futile attempt by the British government to make Britain sound exciting. I guess they figured that swinging London worked so well that "Spinning London" would work even better.

Ed Green reported that soldiers in Iraq are seeking Silly String as a means of booby-trap detection. He adds that the festive colors add a little something to the battlefield, but he's sure that when the military manages to produce it, it will come in OD green.

Wyndy Bauchert and Josh Levine announced that on December 16 they will celebrate "meh," the ultimate hallmark holiday, since that group includes Jews, Wiccans and even Christians. Oh, and it's the Jew who wants to include the Christmas tree. Which of course, is a pagan tradition. The scribe likes Wyndy and Josh, and hopes they stick around.

There was a miscellaneous adjournment, followed by a program.

*Meeting # 3518, December 14, 2006  
George Van Wagner, President  
Martin Young, Scribe.*

Meeting 3518 was called to order at 8:12:30

On this day in 1962, Mariner 2 made the first American fly-by of another planet, in this case Venus. Let me repeat that, in 1962, an American Mariner flew right by the Goddess of Love without stopping. When asked why the probe flew by without stopping, NASA replied, if you don't ask, we won't tell. In 1967 somebody created some DNA in a test-tube. Hopefully, it wasn't the gene that makes you fly by a love goddess without stopping. Meanwhen, in 1986 Dick Rutan & Jeana Yeager, in the aircraft Voyager, flew all around the world on one tank of gas. However did they fill the time? We didn't ask, and they didn't tell.

Ordering more special business, Ed Green issued a neighbor warning. Neighbors had been seen on the LASFS campus. If you see a neighbor, direct the neighbor to the nearest board member. Do not discuss LASFS business with the neighbor. Do not approach the neighbor. Do not engage the neighbor in conversation. Do not make direct eye contact. Do not offer the neighbor food. Make sure that all LASFS food is secured in neighbor-proof containers. Do not tell the LASFS board that the neighbor followed you home and can you keep him? Do not dress the neighbor in a clown suit, or any other form of costume. Do not attempt to pick the neighbor off with a well-aimed shot from a nearby rooftop. Do not perform macabre

experiments on the neighbor. I'm looking at you, Jerry Pournelle.

A DVD was played, introducing Kira Elisabeth Korp. People made various noises, including ooh, aahh, looks like Eisenhower, big feet, and is that a piercing?

Oh crap, I was supposed to draft something for the Korps.

The minutes were read and approved as we are *not* going through this again

There were three guests, but two of them were chronologically displaced, and so not visible to the present meeting. The synchronous guest was Richard Cross, who found us by word-of-mouth and Web, and was involved in fandom for years and wanted to connect up. He is a student and a motion picture special effects person.

The chronologically challenged guests were writer Ben Nugent, who learned about us online, and is interested in the history of science fiction, books, and films, and Robin who learned about us from Cinema Anime members, and was encouraged to visit us by Fred Lazzelle. That's strange, Fred usually has the opposite effect on people.

Speaking of excitement, speaking of Cinema Anime, our patron Saint was Fred Patten. Christian MacGuire was recently involved in some convention that honored Fred for his contributions to anime fandom, furry fandom and other fandoms. Ed Green said that Fred held a record, which was over 2170 appearances in APA-I, covering the entire run of the publication so far. Phil Castora said that Fred gives things everything he has. He has known Fred since 1962, and found that when Fred has something to say, it is definitely worth listening to. Fred contributed to our taste in many ways, including introducing us to non-Japanese foreign comics. Marc Shimeister added that Fred is very accomplished. Tom Safer has found Fred to be very helpful with his research, and has been a supporter of Tom's cartoon show. Cutting through the treacle, Jerry Pournelle grouched that Fred's review magazine published the worst review of The Mote in God's Eye ever written. Charles Lee Jackson the second is pleased to be a friend of Fred. These reasons include the fact that Fred shares his interest in masked Mexican wrestling heroes, Fred is into comics on an international scale, and can talk to and sell us things. When showing his girlfriend around his apartment, the lady was particularly impressed by the squeaky toy black shroompf Charlie got from Fred. John DeChancie added that Fred is prescient and has exhibited

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foreknowledge of many friends. Fred was into anime long before the crowd. Fred is a visionary. Matthew Tepper pointed out that Fred wrote the first review of Monty Python and the Holy Grail Matthew he ever read. The review ran "first the black plague kills everyone, then ni ni ni ni ni ni ni." George Van Wagner said that it's been Vanessa's and his distinct pleasure to help Fred with his APA contribution. It was a blessing to have a chance to hang out with, and to get to know Fred. Fred was awarded a hearty three cheers, and a radioactive radish girl in a high school costume with a big gun.

We had an election. CLJII explained the rules. Christian McGuire was elected president, that poor bastard Karl Lembke was elected scribe

There was a brief and serious announcement by Ed Green. The LASFS should be a safe place for everyone. There should be no improper conduct. If you feel a boundary has been crossed, talk to club officers. No one will be kicked out, but the matter will be addressed and corrected.

Michelle Pincus was railroaded in as registrar.

Dead neighbors are bolting through chairs to pdf! Run, run, while there's still time!

This week saw the release of Absolutely Mad, comprising the full run of Mad Magazine, including all the madness of lasfian Kelly Freas.

An adjournment occurred at 9 43 54. No one saw it coming.

Additions, corrections...

Joan, wasn't there some vice presidents ...?

Doug Crepeau added the comment that "above all do not let a copy of these minutes fall into the hands of the neighbor."

Mike Burlake asked how does one identify a neighbor?

Ed Green replied that, in our library, we have a copy of Jane's Fighting Neighbors.

George Van Wagner pointed out that it's Marc Shirmeister, not Mike Shimeister.

Upon a motion by David Okimura, the minutes were approved as "Just like a Good Neighbor, LASFS Is There."

*Meeting # 3519. December 21, 2006  
George Van Wagner, President  
Martin Young, Scribe.*

Meeting 3519 was called to order at 8ish

On this day in 1898, the scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium. It is presently possible to view Ms. Curie's journals, but you have to wear protective gear to do so, since they are still radioactive. As for Ms. Curie herself, I can only repeat the words of the guy with the Geiger counter. "Damn, that chick is hot! Unfortunately, this was not sexual harassment."

On this day in 1968, astronauts Borman, Lovell & Anders departed on our first manned voyage to the moon. And on this day in 1984, the USSR launched the probe Vega 2 for a fly-by of Halley's Comet. We fly around the moon without landing, we shoot right by Halley's comet without saying hello. Let's face it, we are just a bunch of rocket teasers!

Fred Patten memorialized the loss of Jack Burnley, the comic book artist. Burnley drew Superman, and was cocreator of Starman.

The minutes were read and approved as "Just like a Good Neighbor, LASFS Is There."

Our guest Lexi was brought by her brother Josh. She is a computer nerd, a gamer, a cos player and occasionally a student.

Our patron Saint was Steve McGinty. Milt Stevens knows what Steve McGinty looks like. Matthew Tepper said that it has a great name. Milt Stevens sort of thought that Steve was a Grenada Hillion, a member of a young group that passed through 20 to 30 years ago. This was one of the nice barbarian invasions. Steve was awarded three cheers and a better institutional memory.

There was discussion of ways to increase funding, the main proposal being to increase the per-meeting dues by 50% from \$2 to \$3. Discussion of this issue was fairly sensible. There was also discussion of ways to increase membership. This mainly consisted of people suggesting things that the marketing committee is already doing, but it also included many things that the proposers thought would be excellent ideas just so long as somebody else did them. Elves and brownies being in short supply, many of these fine suggestions will never bear fruit. There was also mention of an elephant, but everyone pretended that the elephant wasn't there. Finally, the meeting discussed the radical idea that, as a science fiction club, our meetings

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should mainly be devoted to science and science fiction.

The appointive committee of Milt Stevens pointed out that de Profundus is on the Liz desk. Bill Ellern added that the cost of parking is now going to start at \$30. Chris Garcia will be here on December 28.

Michelle Pincus mentioned a friend of hers who has an urgent need for a place to stay for a few days.

The man called Whiskey pointed out that the Throne of Jade series is a great read.

Fred Lazzelle mentioned that if the shuttle lands in California, NASA will allow people to watch it land.

George Van Wagner said that the series "The Lost Room" is not really science-fiction, but is effective, creepy, well acted, and has a great score. In the series, objects have powers to do things like stopping entropy or stopping time, and the series could be converted to science-fiction by calling all the rabbits "tobors." No, wait, that was Heinlein. Van Wagner proposed converting the series by calling all the rabbits "string theory."

Jerry Pournelle announced that his neighbors, the Begley's, have begun filming a new sitcom based on Ed Begley Jr.'s passion for environmentally friendly technology, and the horrible, horrible effect it has on his wife. Jerry claimed that he and Begley have very little in common, but cheerfully characterized Begley as one of the world's nicest guys. The outgoing scribe wishes to have it pointed out that the ability to get on well with people with whom you disagree is a very good thing to have in common with Jerry Pournelle.

Christian McGuire spoke from personal experience when he said that Ed Begley Jr. is incredibly passionate about making the least impact on the world.

Michelle Pincus reviewed Eregon. She found it an excellent adaption, and very well cast. The actors cast as cousins could pass for brothers. She recommends it highly.

We finally adjourned at 10:03:07

*Meeting # 3620, December 28, 2006  
George Van Wagner, President  
John DeChancie, In-DeScribable*

Meeting 3620 was called to order at a time to be determined at a later date.

On this day in history, lots of things happened, most, if not all of them, in the past. Wars, killings, upheavals, disasters, that kind of stuff. Nothing significant was invented on this day. Everybody was too damn busy shopping for the perfect gift.

Special Orders of Business. As usual, the LASFS meeting began with death and went on from there. Long time member and BNF Dick Eney passed away. It was noted that one of the pillars of fandom was gone, although the famous (or infamous) Eney/White Feud continued even when Dick's health began to fade. Among the things he did for fandom included Fancyclopedia II. He was also noted as being a major filker. Jerry Pournelle called him a patriot.

Another SooB was the announcement that Karl Lembke, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Joan Steward, Vice President, were both okay, after Karl's van decided to try its hand at ice skating. Perhaps it was the fact there was ice on Interstate Highway 5. Perhaps it was the fact that the van had neither hands nor feet. No matter what the reason was, it failed in its attempt.

The traditional reading of the Menace was delayed, as Martin Young, the elected Scribe was not able to attend tonight. The fill-in Scribe, John DeChancie, was delayed by traffic. The fill-in for the fill-in, Ed Green, didn't have a copy of the Menace to read.

We had a guest. Mallory Giunchigliani. Try saying that with a mouthful of linguini. Mallory had an interest in fantasy.

Patron Saints. As with almost everything we do around here, this section opened with controversy over the announced plans on how to honor our



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Saints. President Van Wagner dealt with it and we moved on to honoring Elayne Pelz.

Scratch Galloway noted her work in the Library.

Hare Hobbs remembers her style of collecting dues from members while she was treasurer.

Ed Hooper stated how she martyred herself on a regular basis for Conventions.

Len Moffatt spoke of how she needed to be talked out of volunteering for a position at a Convention one time, so she could be with Bruce, who was Fan GoH.

At this point, John DeChancie arrived, and took over the duties of Scribe. There was light applause.

Other Saints were praised, among them Robbie Bourget. There ensued controversy over the correct pronunciation of her name. You say Bour-gette and I say Bour-zhay; let's call the whole thing off. Also praised if not worshiped was Forry Ackerman. Many complimentary things were said concerning all these illustrious people; also speaking thus were Marty Cantor, Hare Hobbs, Len Moffatt, and possibly others, though the scribe had ceased to listen. Three cheers were roused from the membership for each Saint.

Ed Green and Christian McGuire auctioned off parking spots in front of the building.

A speaker for the meeting was announced: Chris Garcia. He fooled everyone and showed up.

As of this moment, there is no official line-up for January programming. Nobody is worried.

President van Wagner announced the upcoming Asian Cult Cinema Saturday gathering, which will feature specimens of Hong Kong cinema: "Shao Lin Versus the Evil Dead," "Ashes of Time," and other Asian cinema classics. "Citizen Khan" will not be shown.

There were many reviews of various things, all most enlightening.

Hare reviewed Keith Laumer's "Bolo" stories.

Ed Hooper reviewed the movie "Eragon."

Joe Zeff reviewed "Dead Like Me," a TV show.

George Mulligan reviewed "Bolo" as well.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed the new Bond movie, "Casino Royale," and also had good things to say about Tim Powers' new novel, "Three Days to Never." Indescribable, was Pournelle's description. "As if he listened to every Art Bell show and took it all seriously." The redoubtable Dr. Pournelle also reviewed the film "The Queen," starring Helen Merrin.

Doug Crepeau reviewed a biodocumentary TV program on Mark Twain.

Heather Stern reviewed the new New Mexico spaceport. Hooray for spaceports! We need one in Los Angeles, where there are many spacey people.

Hare reviewed the Eragon movie from book's perspective, thumbing his nose at Ed Hooper's review. Later, Hooper gave Hare a sound thrashing.

Soon to be ex-president van Wagner reviewed a Gardener Dozois anthology of far future stories.

Michelle Pincus differed with both previous reviewers on the "Eragon" movie. She liked it. Brilliant, she said. Later, she beat the stuffing out of Ed Hooper.

President van Wagner passed the "Fascia of Power," a twist-tied clutch of Ticonderoga No. 2 pencils, to the president-elect, Christian McGuire.

John DeChancie offered to read the minutes of the last meeting, but was told to stuff it back into his briefcase and go home. Gladly he did this thing.

The meeting ended sometime after it was convened.



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