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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm

### CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MAY 4 - No programming  
MAY 11 - No programming  
MAY 18 - No programming  
MAY 25 - No programming

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

**UNTIL LASFS FINDS ITS NEW PERMANENT HOME LASFS WILL JUST BE HAVING ITS THURSDAY MEETINGS - ALL OTHER HAPPENINGS AT THE CLUB WILL NOW HAPPEN ELSEWHERE. IT HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED JUST WHERE THE BOARD WILL MEET.**

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**DE PROF WILL SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WHEN AND WHERE LASFS WILL MEET IN THE FUTURE**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 531– May 2017. 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](http://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 address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbeglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbeglobal.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 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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers

January - June, 2017

**President:** Nick Smith. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin and Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Marty Cantor & Marcia Minsky. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke and Kristen Gorlitz. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

## Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2019), Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2019), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

## Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian Pro Tem:** Gavin Claypool. **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. **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.

## Honorary Officers

**Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity:** Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

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

## LASFS TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

by Christian McGuire

On Thursday nights (starting May 4), the LASFS will be meeting in Robert Boyle Studio 800 on the first floor of the Art Directors Guild (ADG) building at the corner of Ventura Blvd., and Radford.

**Art Directors Guild  
Robert Boyle Studio 800, 1st floor  
11969 Ventura Blvd.  
Studio City, CA 91604.**

The space is open to LASFS members and guests from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm each Thursday.

Do not arrive before 6:30 pm. We will be out of the space by 9:30 pm.

We are responsible for setting up and putting away chairs and tables.

Nothing will be left behind or stored on the property.

No food will be allowed in the building. Drinks are ok. The water cooler is off limits, as are any random

bottles of Sparklett's water.

No opening of random doors. The club has use of the meeting room, the hallway, and the bathrooms.

None of the media equipment, nor the wifi, are available for club use.

There are no other days or times where the space is available. Please do not ask.

The liaisons between the LASFS and the ADG are Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz. All questions, comments, and your .02 must go through them.

**PARKING:  
LASFS MEMBERS CANNOT ENTER THE  
PARKING LOT BEFORE 6:30 PM. NO NOT  
EVEN YOU. NO.**

*The parking lot is accessible from Radford Blvd. through an alley behind the ADG building. The lot is the first gated lot on the south side of the alley. Pull up to the parking card reader; on the bottom of the reader is a black button - press the button and the parking gate will open.*

*Fill in the spaces starting from the Ventura Blvd side of the lot. If the lot is full you can also find parking along the alley, metered parking on Ventura Blvd., and the local streets.*

If you park across the street where the Trader Joes market is, your car may be towed. They have two guys with chalk markers and cell phones diligently looking for cars that have been parked there longer than reasonable.

Du-par's Restaurant and Bakery is across the street and open 24 hours and can be used for aftermeetings. In case the ADG space is unavailable an alternative meeting may be held there. Everyone will have to order at least a drink.

### **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](http://www.lasfs.org))**

**Meeting 4138, December 1, 2016  
President Nick Smith, presiding  
Karl Lembke, scribbling**

"I suppose I should get a gavel" said President Smith, before calling the meeting to order. LASFS meeting #4138 was called to order at 8:02 pm.

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Frank Gasperik**. He was a bizarre individual with wicked musical taste and was quite memorable in other ways. His ashes have yet to arrive at the club.

**Patron Saint Frank Gasperik** was given Three rousing Cheers!

The **Menace** were read and David Okamura bid \$1 to name the Menace "And you thought Nothing happened at the Thanksgiving LASFS meeting?"

We had Three Cheers for **Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum**, so they'd be louder, then we had three cheers for **Patron Saint Frank Gasperik**, and finally Three Cheers for Marty Cantor our new Evans-Freehafer awardee.

### **Special Announcement:**

We have copies of the Los Feliz Ledger, whose December issue features an article on the naming of the Forrest J Ackerman Square, at Vermont and Franklin, adjacent to the House of Pies. There was an official LASFS delegation present. There's even a picture on the LASFS Facebook page.

**Treasurer:** We have a report. We have money. You can't spend it.

The Lantern O'Jack was passed to help fund the Winter Holiday Party,

The **Registrar** announced a pair of guests. Jeffrey Brown, who is Alex's father, visiting from Wisconsin. Crystal, who's been here unofficially on occasion. She is George's sister.

### **Moment of Science:**

David Okamura hopes we all had a nice Thanksgiving. The poor giant panda cub at the Wash. DC zoo had to have surgery because they found a lemon-sized mass of bamboo blocking its intestines. Chew your bamboo 32,000 times before swallowing.

P-45, the mountain lion in the Santa Monica mountains, is killing alpacas. A rancher has applied for a permit to kill the lion, and the authorities are hoping to find a way to move the cat elsewhere.

The Metro purple line has come across more fossils from the ice age, including mastodon tusks.

Pluto has yielded more data. It may have a large sea under the ice, which may explain a depression on one surface. A few days later, scientists decided it's not an underground sea, but a mass of ice.

The Cassini spacecraft is starting its slow plunge toward Saturn.

The Russian Progressa spacecraft failed to reach orbit

and so won't be meeting up with the Space Station. Any Christmas presents and other supplies have likely burned up on re-entry. Except for the fruitcake. After the nuclear apocalypse, the only things left will be fruitcake, and cockroaches trying to eat the fruitcake.

**Marty Cantor** announced the LASFS' Gift Exchange. People are welcome to bring nosh, food, and drink. And there's a video, to be shown the Thursday before the Exchange, and before the Exchange itself begins.

#### **Special Orders of Business:**

Marty Cantor announced the passing of Lon Atkins, no details available yet. As a member of the club, he deserves a mention.

Marty then showed off his Evans-Freehafer Plaque. He is still telling us how speechless he is, and we may never hear the end of it.

We have lost Joe Dever, writer and FRPG game author. He was 60. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe\\_Dever](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Dever)

John rose to thank us all for participating in his school project and tolerating the questions he kept asking.

There is a play from London that just opened: Thrones, the Musical. This is the musical comedy parody of Game of Thrones. Hudson Main Stage Theater 6539 Santa Monica Blvd. Older teen and up. (PG-16).

Another item: Yoo-hoo room at flappers comedy club. Trekkies for toys 12/20. Admission \$10 or \$5 + a toy. Anna notes the two hosts are professional comedians and are very funny. The club has a cover -- two items of any sort, either food or drink.

George McUrso announced the centennial party for Forrest J Ackerman. Saturday, 12:00 to 8:00 pm.

Pasadena library is hosting the launch of a graphic novel, Hero Hotel by Yehudi Mercado. Pasadena library, 2pm on Saturday.

CLJII announced that there remain copies left of the Forry Anthology available on Amazon.

Marty Cantor announced Corflu, April 28-30, Woodland Hills Marriott. Membership is \$95, including banquet. Saturday only is \$40. January, price goes up to \$115. There's a group called Corflu 50, sort of a Corflu Fan Fund. This year's guest is Pete Young from Thailand.

Eric Hoffman mentioned they have a one-day comic convention. San Fernando Comic Convention, 12/11, Granada Hills.

CLJII rose to discuss the nomination of the club president, taking place tonight.

Nominations were taken. Nick Smith and Joe Zeff were nominated. Everyone else made their saving throws. Nominations resume next week, followed by elections, followed by nomination and election of the other proce-

dural officers, except for Treasurer.

**Registrar** Anna Diamond introduced William Love, a sculptor, artist, and swordsmith.

In the absence of any further business...

A motion to view Tom Safer cartoons, and then put away chairs and tables and run screaming into the night passed and we adjourned at 8:51 pm.

### **Meeting 4139, December 8, 2016 President Nick Smith, presiding Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling**

President Smith called LASFS meeting #4139 to order at 8:05 PM

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Marty Massoglia**. Marty Massoglia - provider of many fine volumes of literature and a vast resource of information.

**Patron Saint Marty Massoglia** was given Three rousing Cheers!

The **Menace** were read and David Okumura bid \$1.50 to name the Menace "Here's a story... of a club named LASFS."

#### **Special orders of Business:**

Jerry Pournelle talked about the passing of John Glenn. Jerry knew him for about a week back in the 50s. He has never met a guy with better self control. John was the calmest man under stress that Jerry has ever seen. He was a genuine hero. Did everything exactly as he was supposed to do, everything went according to plan and he had nerves of steel. He also went up again at age 77. We will miss him.

**Treasurer's Report:** Not here (but we probably have money and you can't spend it).

The Lantern O'Jack was passed around to raise funds for the Winter Holiday Party. There will be food and fun and frivolousness.

There is a 2nd Forry Centennial party this Sunday at 5321 Hollywood Blvd from 11am- 2 pm with a buffet lunch. Please RSVP because they are capping the party at 100 people. \$25 for lunch and special swag. Contact go-joemoe@gmail.com

The board meeting is this coming Sunday at 11:00 am.

The **Registrar** announced that there are no guests.

#### **Old Business:**

CLJII explained the positions, such as President and so on.

Last week the nominations opened with Joe Zeff and Nick Smith nominated for club president. David Okumura bid \$2 to name the yellow card a long and incomprehensible color comprised of purple and pink polka dots.

Nick Smith was elected President.

Vice president nominees are Matthew and Debra and since there were no other nominees, they were elected as a tag team. David Okumura bid \$3 to name the color more purple something polka dot nonsense.

Registrar nominees are Ed and Anna, Marty Cantor and Marcia Minsky. At interminable length, Marty and Marsha were elected registrar. George bid \$2 to name the orange card some kind of tangerine color with silver trim.

Scribe nominees are Karl, Anna and Kristen and since there were no other nominees, they were elected as another tag team. David Okumura bid \$2 to name the pink card another purple something color.

In the absence of any further business...

A motion to put away chairs and tables and so that Marty would not have to run screaming into the night passed and we adjourned at 9:23 pm.

**Meeting 4140, December 15, 2016  
President Nick Smith, presiding  
Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Smith called LASFS meeting #4140 to order at 8:00 pm.

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Fred Patten**. He's not only a Patron Saint of LASFS, he's the person who built American anime fandom from the ground up. **Patron Saint Fred Patten** was given an Amazing Three Cheers!

The Menace were read and Christian McGuire bid \$15 to name the Menace "Safe Journeys, John Glenn."

**Registrar:** The Incoming Registrar mentioned that we do, too, have a guest.

**Committee Reports:**

**Gift Exchange:**

Marty Cantor brought out the DVD, and the after some fiddling with hardware, the Gift Exchange Video was shown.

**Moment of Science:**

It's raining. We may get 4-5 inches in the mountains overnight. Last year, everyone was predicting a huge El Niño, which didn't materialize. La Nina, it is hoped, will prove a similar disappointment.

The Russian space capsule did not achieve orbit and burned up on re-entry. A Japanese supply ship did successfully dock, and that one had the Christmas presents.

SpaceX hopes to return to flight in early January. They have lost one launch order, but the customer is staying with them for future launches.

Virgin Galactic has completed its first glide flight on a replacement craft. In the meantime, there's a company called Boom Supersonic which hopes to test their own supersonic demonstrator jet sometime late next year. Due to the geometry of the plane, they hope to lessen the sonic boom and get more fuel efficiency. Happy holidays!

**Special Orders of Business:**

Doug Crepeau passed on the 15th following a brief illness.

Trekkies for Toys at Flappers YooHoo Club, 7:30. Burbank, Magnolia and 1st street  
Game of Thrones musical has been extended. Winter is coming.

**Library Committee:**

First full weekend of January will see the beginning of library packing. Come see Gavin if you're available January 7 or 8 to help.

Ed and Anna are having their final estate/moving sale this weekend.

And now, The Auction. Christian gave the club a refresher on the rules for bidding.

In the absence of any further business...

A motion to put away chairs in a manner that Marty will approve of passed, and we adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Marty didn't approve of it.

**Meeting 4141, December 22, 2017  
Vice President Matthew B. Tepper,  
vice presiding  
Karl Lembke, scribbling**

Vice-President Tepper called LASFS meeting #4141 to order at 8:00 pm.

We sadly note the passing of LASFS member Gerald Aho, who passed Tuesday night from natural causes. We held a moment of silence for our missing member.

The **Menace** were read and Marcia Minsky bid \$1 to name the Menace "Rules for bidding. Is that forbidding?" She also paid the 25¢ pun fine.

"Let's put this up for auction, Tom said forbiddingly."

The Lantern O'Jack was passed to collect funds for the Holiday Party. Hot food will include Christmas Fried ChicKen. (It's spelled with a "K".)

Marty Cantor reported on the demise of the Whitechapel Foundry, which is the foundry in England which is the oldest manufacturing company in England which is still in existence, founded in 1540, maybe as early as 1420. It's notable for forging Big Ben and the Liberty Bell. It's notable in fandom because TAFF winner Rob Hanson has worked there for decades. He has shown fans around the premises.

It was asked what sort of foundry Whitecastle was. Bronze: they cast bells and cannon.

It seems they're moving from that building, but will stay in business someplace else. So wherever it winds up, it'll be there with bells on.

Marty also announced Corflu, at the end of April next year, increases in price on the first of January. It goes from \$95 to \$115. There is a Saturday only membership of \$40.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. Don't spend it

Announcements

We note the passing of Zsa Zsa Gabor, notable in Queen of Outer Space. David Okamura notes the mechanical shark in Jaws was Bruce, after Spielberg's lawyer. Zsa Zsa was the name of the mechanical squid in Disney's 20,000 Leagues under the Sea.

Eric Hoffman had a copy of a book by George Sanders.

Jerry Pournelle announced a rumor. You've heard of the E-M drive. NASA is finding 1 mN / KW of thrust, so it might be a reactionless drive, or there might be mistakes in the experiment. The Daily Mail claims the Chinese claim to have put an E-M drive in orbit for testing. If it's true, it's a matter of some importance -- at least as important as Sputnik was.

Francis Hamit announced today is the 55th anniversary of Sgt James Davis, first American soldier killed in Vietnam.

Matthew Tepper noted the passing of Gordon Hunt, father of actress Helen Hunt, and he himself was a superb voice casting director. If you watched any cartoons and thought the actors were perfectly matched to their roles, it's his doing.

Gavin announced the library is looking for several teams of 2 to help pack up books in the library.

Matthew and Debra will be hosting the Party of Last Resort on New Year's Eve. Times for the party will be reported on Facebook and the club website. This will be a non-dues paying event, and a potluck. Start time is 6 pm, end time is whenever.

Tom Khamis will be screening SF movies set in 1985.

Queen of Outer Space, Highlander, Back to the Future, and Futureworld. Starts at 2, ends at 9:30.

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Steve McGinty** and **Heide Nichols**.

Each Patron Saint was given Three very loud Cheers!

Francis Hamit got a favorable review on his book Security Matters. It was in Security Management Magazine. Go to your library's "suggest a book" box and suggest that book.

Registrar Pro Tem announced a guest, Rachel Noble, who heard about us from LOSCON. She's a student, a gamer, and a media fan.

**Moment of Science.**

David Okamura reports they've found ice on Ceres. A Japanese satellite was recently launched to measure radioactivity in the geosphere. (That actually wasn't intentional. David had a flog in his throat.) They hope it will last a couple of years. (*What will last a couple of years, the radioactivity or the flog in David's Throat, er, throat?* - ed.) The geosphere includes low flying spacecraft and high flying planes.

Britain has OK'd a process that will create embryos from the DNA of three people. They hope to repair genetically transmitted syndromes.

The Chinese have been testing the E-M drive for 5 years now, and the test drive is hidden on their new space station.

CLJII suggested we mention Cindy Stowell, recently dethroned champion on Jeopardy. Her ambition was to be on the show and make over \$100K for cancer research. Stowell is recently deceased from the cancer that was killing her while she did the show.

**Reviews:**

Milt Stevens reviewed a novel from 2012, The Long Earth by Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter. The story is set in a sort of multiple Earth, in sort of multiple dimensions. One character is the transmigrated soul of a Tibetan motorcycle repairman lodged in a supercomputer.

Jerry Pournelle had a review of a review.

Alex and Philip saw Star Wars 3.5. It needed to be seen, but having been seen it need not be seen again. Matthew noted it did loudly plug a plot hole from the first movie. There is also some subtly impressive CGI work in the movie.

There is no threat of roasting Jar Jar, so the movie is not "Saving Mr. Binks".

David Okamura, having heard Rogue One was the prequel to 4, the next movie will probably address the "we have acquired an imperial shuttle" issue.

CLJII notes roughly 50% of the printed references call the film "Rouge One". (But how many of them call it

"Rouge One"?)

Eric Hoffman notes during the 60s, someone put a collection of the Charlie Chan quotations together. He's surprised no one has put out a similar book of Star Wars quotes. (*This is probably because Charlie Chan was not in Star Wars.* - ed.)

In the absence of any further business...

A motion to put away chairs in a manner that Marty will approve of passed, and we adjourned to the program at 9:23pm.

And they still didn't do it right. -- Marty

**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 12, 2017  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Mike Thorsen, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Marcia Minsky, Nick Smith, Debra Levin, Kristen Gornitz, and Christian McGuire. Elayne Pelz had an excused absence.

**Members and Guests:** Crys Pretzman, John Searight, Susie Searight, Joyce Sperling, Gwen Newton, Marsia Powers, Joe Zeff, Greg Bilan, Greg Barrett, Michelle Pinus, Tom Safer.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, March 12, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2017, were accepted as corrected.

**New Members:** There were 2 applications for membership: Theresa Trieu and Joanne Tai. These applicants have paid their \$10 and the motion to accept was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer (Elayne Pelz):** (Not here)

**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):** The three Standing Rules changes proposed by the Board were accepted by the club and uploaded to our web site. Standing Rule 20 was deleted rather than renumbering all of the ones beyond it.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** This month: 194 units were sold, bringing in \$194.00. Total

units to date: 38,271 and total monies to date: \$33,820.50. We did not have to purchase the usual items but we needed to buy some batteries for the clocks and a replacement latch for the shed.

**Library (Gavin Claypool):** We continue to process the large donations. Tom Khamis has packed up almost all of the video library.

**Archives (Debra Levin):** Nothing at the moment.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** (Not here.)

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** There was no problems passed to him.

**Events (Nick Smith):** Follow-up on our partnership with the Pasadena Public Library. // We did discuss some places where we might meet in the Interregnum. // **(LOSCON 44: Gwen Newton, Craig Miller)** All Guests of Honor have accepted: Carrie Vaughn (Author), Howard Chaykin (Artist), Jane Espenson (Media), Kevin Roche & Andrew Trembley (Fan). Looking for volunteers to work the Paperback show and WhedenCon.

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gornitz):** Things on hold until we get new building.

**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Nick Smith):** We are still having meetings. The club voted in favor of the three Standing Rules changes proposed by the Board.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Lee Gold is ill so neither Lee nor Barry is here.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. LOSCON bids. Crys Pretzman presented a bid for her and Christian. All of the requirements appear to have been met. A motion was made, seconded, and passed with one abstention to send the bid to the club.

There was a request from John Searight to borrow equipment at no charge for its use. The offer was also to store the equipment during our interregnum after WhedenCon was over. The storage would be somewhere in our area. The storage would be paid for by WhedenCon for 3 months. It was moved, seconded and passed to have Karl and Elayne work with John Searight on this offer. We would like a written proposal within a week.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on April 9, 2017.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Marcia will work on getting a temporary place for Thursday meetings. Moved, Seconded, and Passed that Karl, Marcia and Christian become the temporary committee looking for a temporary meeting space.

We had an extensive discussion about getting a time-line

LAF  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, May 6, 2017  
Filk: 7 PM to ???  
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace  
(Chinese cuisine and some Dim Sum)  
Brandyhall  
Lee and Barry Gold, hosts  
3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066  
(310) 306-7456

**Pre-filk dinner:** 5 PM, at 11701 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025, 310-979-3377

**Filk style:** Poker Chip (Non-Topological) Bardic, or Chaos

**Notes:**

1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence.
4. Crash space available (couch, recliner, floor space).
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but we have an all-in-one scanner/printer/FAX machine.

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

Gavin Claypool, Nick Smith, Debra Levin.

**Members and Guests:** Michelle Pincus and Sean, our broker.

We gathered at 7861 Foothill Boulevard in Sunland a little after 11:00 am to inspect a building which was for sale. The building was about 5800 square feet in size, slightly larger than our requirements.

The Carpet and Flooring person gave us free reign to inspect his business (including the attached vacant store which he was using for storage and trash), all of which was the property which was for sale.

In some ways this would work for us but there would be a lot of work involved.

We then adjourned to the McDonald's down the street and discussed the property. We noted the pros and cons and it was mentioned that we could give a lowball offer which the broker thought might work. However, the major concern was how far away the property was from our current clubhouse and it was felt that we would lose too many members by moving the club so far.

It was unanimously decided to not make an offer on this building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

about packing items for eventual moving. Also, we need to figure out the amount of space needed to store the items. We also talked about letting our renters know how long they can meet here. At this time and place it looks like some time in late April is when we will be leaving this building. People who have nominal control of areas should estimate the cubic footage of what is to be moved.

We will probably have a major work party on March 26th.

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

Looking for property.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

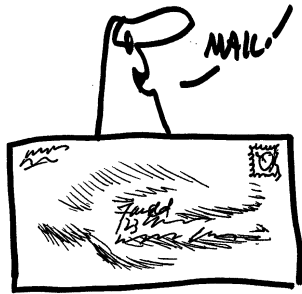
**Special Board Meeting  
March 25, 2017  
at 7861 Foothill Blvd.,  
Sunland, CA  
Karl Lembke, Presiding  
Marty Cantor, Secretary  
Elayne Pelz, Member heading building search**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Mike Thorsen, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Marcia Minsky, Kristen Gorlitz, Christian McGuire, and Elayne Pelz. Absent:



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## LETTER OF COMMENT

Just wanted to say thank you for all you do in getting LASFS news to those of us in the hinterlands. You are much appreciated.

Congrats on your Evans-Freehafer award. It's always gratifying to get accolades from your peers.

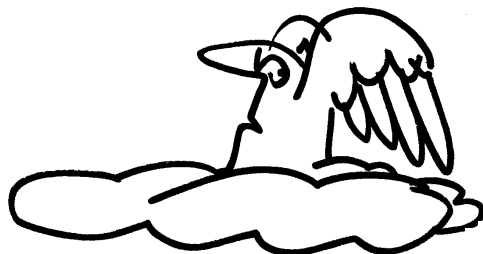
Since both elder Trimbles no longer drive, we're learning how Metro rail and buses can get us around town. Where they work, they work well. There are, however, many more places they should go.

Not that you'll see us at a meeting any time soon, because we really don't know anyone any more. But it's always interesting to read about how things are going.

I remember when meetings were down to 4 people. But that was a looooooong time ago. When Ray Bradbury came to meetings now and then. -- Bjo

*And I thank you, Bjo, for a loc like this. I know the importance of getting club information to those members who do not get to club meetings very often - or at all, for that matter. Your letter of appreciation is, well, appreciated.*

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## BOARD GAMING MEETUP

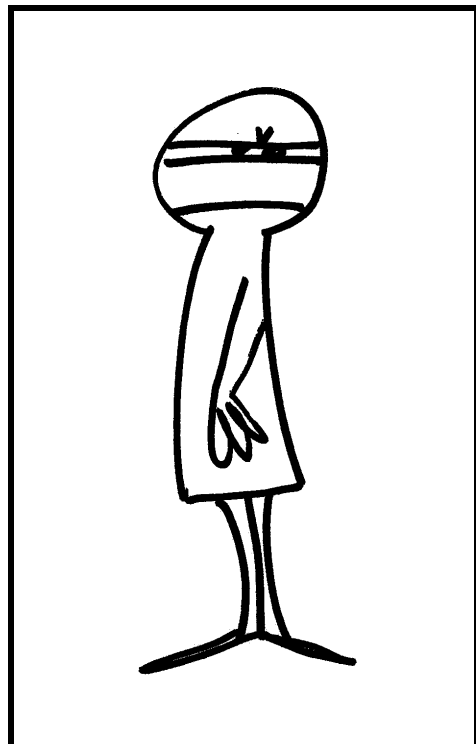
The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.



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