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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

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

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm

Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons

CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation

Work Party = Varies with what needs doing

FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm

TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group = 7 PM

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

DECEMBER 1 - Nominations for Procedural President

DECEMBER 8 - Election of Procedural Officers

DECEMBER 15 - BIG Auction

DECEMBER 22 - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons

DECEMBER 29 - No programme had been decided upon at press time

(programme items subject to change without notice)

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

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
Work Party - 10:30 am
TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
DIG—7:30 pm
FWEMS -



THE GIFT EXCHANGE RULES START ON PAGE 3.

The door opens at 7:00 pm, the Gift Exchange starts at 8:00 pm. Don't park on Aetna.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 466– December 2011. 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.lasfsinc.info. *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) sbcglobal (dot) net or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net. July, 2011. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1622. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Cathy Beckstead, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2011

President: Marcia Minsky. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Comptroller:** Bill Ellerm (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Darnell Coleman (2011). **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 Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **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://lasfsinc.info>:** 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. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

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 ____

2010 Gift Exchange: Friday, December ????

THE RULES OF THE LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE by Leigh Strother-Vien and others, 2007

Date: Friday, The Sixteenth of December
Doors Open: 7:00 PM / Event Begins: 8:00 PM
Location: LASFS Clubhouse

The Gift Exchange is considered an extension of the previous night's meeting. Dues will be collected, if not previously paid. The Gift Exchange is open to all active LASFS members who are not in arrears to the club nor under any other sort of administrative stigma. You must be present in person - - NO PROXIES! You should expect to spend several hours at this event.

To participate in the Gift Exchange, bring an anonymous, wrapped gift, with a value of at least \$10. The gift must be related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom (see GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS at www.lasfsinc.info if unsure). The gift you place in the Exchange should be considered a donation.

Because of the wide range of gifts that may be contributed and because of varying tastes, you might not receive a gift that you really want! You might in fact get a gift you don't want at all! In this event, please bear in mind that THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. (If you also happen to get some nice loot, that should merely be considered a very nice bonus!)

On entering the Gift Exchange, you will receive a registration number. The registration numbers will be ran-

domized, to determine when each person will be called to choose a gift from the table. The first person called will choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience. Make sure the rest of the crowd knows what the gift is, because that lets the crowd have fun, and THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

The rest of the participants, in the order called, will each choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience.

Force Trades: If the person who has just opened a gift desires, he/she may "Force Trade" that gift with any gift that has been previously opened. THE PERSON HOLDING THE DESIRED GIFT MUST ACCEPT THE TRADE. The first person in the Gift Exchange is allowed the last "Force Trade," after everyone has selected & opened a gift.

Crud Calls: A "Crud Call" may occur if a gift is deemed unsuitable. "Crud Calls" may only be made if (1) the gift has insufficient value or (2) the gift is not related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom. "Crud Calls" may NOT be made merely because a person is unhappy with a gift, if it otherwise meets the requirements. If you don't like it, trade it away. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

The person opening a gift may make a "Crud Call" at that time. Also, a person receiving a gift on a "Force Trade" may make a "Crud Call" at that time. "Crud Calls" are not allowed at any other time.

"Saves" may be made after a "Crud Call," if any participant wants the gift that has been declared "crud." If more than one person wants the "crud" gift, the person holding it may choose among the gifts offered in exchange. If only one person offers to take the "crud" gift, the person who made the "Crud Call" must accept the trade.

After the trade, neither person may make another "Crud Call" on either of the two gifts in question. A participant may trade his/her future gift choice on a "Crud Call." The person making the "Crud Call" will then select another gift at the appropriate time. The acceptor of the "crud" gift may not make another "Crud Call" on it.

If no one volunteers to "Save," a "Force Trade" with the perpetrator of the "crud" gift -- whether an already opened gift or a future selection -- is mandated. The participants may overrule a "Crud Call" by a majority vote if they consider it unjustified. If a Judgment Call is required in any instance, the decision of the Gift Exchange "Producer" is FINAL!

Please note:

Gifts in the Gift Exchange are considered the Property of the club until the Gift Exchange is officially declared "over." If you are in possession of an opened gift and need to leave (either the room or completely), you must leave your gift with someone else. It is still open to "Force Trades."

Tantrums will result in the person or persons having Tantrums being banned from future Gift Exchanges. Tantrums are Not Fun. AND THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

Free Trading After the Gift Exchange is over, Free Trading of gifts may occur. Free Trading is outside the Gift Exchange rules and is done by persons willing to trade all or parts of their gifts with each other.

*****SPECIAL RULE: The "Chocolate Covered Man-hole Cover"** is a traditional feature of the Gift Exchange. While not an acceptable gift by itself (due to insufficient monetary value - if you have possession of it, you got it for free), it can be added to any gift. Whoever ends up with the Manhole Cover at the end of the Gift Exchange is charged with the responsibility to see that it is reintroduced in the next year's Gift Exchange. The possessor of the Cover does not have to add it to his own gift...just see that someone does.***

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

- If you wouldn't be happy to get a gift, don't put it in the Gift Exchange. Others probably won't like it either.

- Having participants fight over an expensive gift ruins the spirit of the Gift Exchange. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. If you bring a gift worth MORE than minimum value, do not expect equal value in return.

- Craig Miller's Corollary to Rotsler's Rules for Masquerade Presentations #21 can apply to Gift Exchange presentations as well: "Short is better than long; funny is better than non-funny; short and funny is best."

- Do not put anything offensive into the Gift Exchange. Lewd, crude, or rude gifts are not funny. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

- If it took more than 20 minutes to wrap the gift, it will take too long to unwrap it at the Gift Exchange. Keep the wrapping simple, so that it can be opened in a reasonable amount of time. When giving books that are part of a multi-part series, it is considered good form (and perhaps even good taste) to include the first book (and perhaps all previous books) of the series.

- Some gifts that were very popular at previous Gift Exchanges were: stuffed animals (especially those from comic strips); telescopes; recently published books (in new condition!); toy ray guns; coffee table books about S.F., Fantasy, or Space; and stuff for computers. High quality gifts of chocolate are considered Fannish!

Please note that, prior to 1996, "quality" alcoholic gifts were also encouraged. THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE. The use of alcohol is your own business, but the Club would prefer to NOT encourage alcohol in the Gift Exchange, as more and more members are either abstainers or minors!

Items that bombed: miscellaneous (dull, boring, mun-

dane) food, hand-crafted "artwork," used paperbacks if small in number or poor in condition, and anything having to do with *Zotz!* or the Hubbard Decology, unless Crud Insurance (high quality chocolate, for example) is included.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED

Q. "What exactly does 'related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom' mean?"

A. If you don't know what's related to science fiction or fantasy, you're in the wrong club. Fandom-related things are associated with the activities of organized fandom: e.g., mementos from conventions, propeller beanies, chocolate, costumes, computer hardware and software, comic books, collected fanzines, manuscripts from pro authors, bookshelves, video storage devices, interesting toys, games, puzzles, sheet music and/or recordings by Filk artists, miniatures, leather-craft tools, chain mail, etc.

Q. "I've just been force traded a large box of "Magic The Gathering" Cards. I don't like "Magic The Gathering." Am I allowed to call Crud?"

A. No. The nature of the gift is unquestionably related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom. The value of the gift is unquestionably in excess of \$10. There are no other criteria. Your options are to (a) hope that someone force trades for the Magic cards, leaving you with something else, or (b) wait until after the Exchange and try to obtain something you prefer during Free Trading.

Q. "I've ended up with the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover, but I think it's a silly tradition and I don't want to deal with it. Can I throw the darned thing away?"

A. Only if you want to be ostracized by all of organized fandom. Most people don't have that much masochism in them, so you would be advised to simply give the Cover to someone who takes it more seriously than you do.

Q. I've picked the Pournelle Box (greed is good!), but someone wants to Force Trade me a box of "Magic The Gathering" cards for it. Should I allow it, or scream, whine and complain in a loud annoying voice until they relent?"

A: In the first place, they won't relent. The rules are on their side. In the second place, throwing such a tantrum would only get you thrown out and banned from future Exchanges. Your only real option is to make an effort to act like an adult (yes, it's terribly hard, but necessary) and allow the trade without putting up a fight.

Q. "I'm on a diet, but the buffet table looks so tempting. Should I eat more?"

A. Yes. The club always lays on too much food for this event, and we have no place to store leftovers. Feel free to eat us out of house and home. Diet later!

ADDENDUM: If you are bringing an under-age child, you are responsible for them and for their

behavior. It is *not* acceptable to hand off the responsibility to another person and boisterous behavior by the child, uncontrolled by the parent or guardian, will result in the child and the parent (and/or guardian) being asked to leave. Apologies afterward are nice; but, nicer still, is not having the ruckus in the first place.

ADDENDUM TO THE ADDENDUM: If, by any chance, you bring an adult guest to the Gift Exchange, the previous paragraph applies to you and the guest, too.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting 3864, September 1, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting #3864 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 19:59. and the President hushed the peanut gallery. Welcome to the very first meeting ever at our new location! We're on Agenda Weird tonight. We're changing the order of business around.

Christian: Elayne has talked to the Los Angeles parking department. The women in the office may be able to change the tow-away time period from 9 pm-6 am to 1 am-6 am. There is some parking on Besemer, some parking on Tyrone, and parking on Oxnard. We're working on the situation.

The story about the Metro Park N Ride is, we're not supposed to park there. There don't appear to be cameras or guards, but one should anticipate the worst possible consequence if one chooses to park there. Any further questions about parking can be dealt with elsewhere.

The last menace taken in the old building were read, and a donor paid a substantial amount to name them "Adios, So Long, Farewell"...

Patron Saint, Allan Rothstein was honored. Mary Ann said he gave some excellent reviews. CLJII Allan really liked Disney stuff. He said Disneyland was his absolute favorite place to be. And he behaved as if it was. He'd have been happy to go there every day and just sit there. When he retired from law enforcement, he was given a pair of tix for Disneyland. He was looking for some woman free during the week to take along, and finally invited CLJII since no women were available. He was able to use his free ticket to upgrade to an annual pass. He did the same for Charlie, so he'd always have a partner to accompany him.

Janis: He was a very sweet man. He got along with people so well, a large portion of the success of our Worldcons was his ability to spread oil on waters. Joe Zeff: when Allan found out he had a heart condition, his doctor told him neither losing weight nor exercise would do any good. He was delighted to get doctor's advice he could follow. Matthew B. Tepper: Allan took him in when he had health problems.

CLJII added, one year Allan got to be in charge of films for LOSCON. He knew what he wanted to have, and didn't know the mechanics. Asked CLJII for help, and CLJII put him in touch with the right people. He buried the paragraph thanking him in the middle of the program so it would be a surprise for Charlie, but Charlie was in charge of publications. Jerry Pournelle: Most members are not old enough to remember, but when Allan was in good health, he had a bar mitzvah party for his son, and a party afterward in the northern part of the val-

ley. The boy later became the composer in residence for the UCLA Music department, so he was clearly an outstanding young man. For the first time in the new building, three cheers for Allan Rothstein, and a Mickey Mouse watch.

Registrar Michelle: Tonight, we have over 140 members and guests, including some people who have never been at the club before: Dr Ruth Jackson, head university librarian; Dr Melissa Conway, head librarian from Eaton Collection; Sarah Allison, also of the Eaton Collection: And Julia, from the Eaton Collection, who also rates some applause. We also have Vincent Docherty who heard about us from David Gerrold. He's also co-chaired two Worldcons. Richard Barnett, brought here by James Busby; Jacob Rosenberg, Adam Bruno, Tony M. Victoreno, and Al Allende.

Mike Donahue and Marcia Minsky want to say that without Elayne Pelz' hard work, we would not be sitting here tonight. (*Possibly because we might have left the chairs at the old building?* - ed.) Elayne Pelz was given three rousing cheers and a standing ovation. And there was much rejoicing.

Special Orders of Business: Introductions of principle players. CLJII is a picture director and projector. President, Marcia Minsky: Scribe, Karl Lembke (and Chairman of the Board); Greg Bilan, Vice President (next to Elayne's desk); Elayne Pelz, Treasurer; Registrar, Michelle Pincus; Marty Cantor, the proprietor and publisher of De Profundis, and the LASFS liaison to APA-L; Whisky, the librarian; And a bunch other people, including Eyalat Poliner, who coordinated the buffet this evening.

Christian announced, it is now 8:45. people parked on Aetna have 15 minutes to move their car.

CLJII opened the Time Capsule, provided by Gary Louie. Inside is stuff: LASFS membership cards, a LASFS business card, And lots of stuff, including APA-L #1450. Other Stuff... CLJII commented that if this is the kind of stuff Gary thought the future would find important, he didn't know the future very well. He's planning to add some more stuff and re-stash it.

Marcia then introduced Charles Lee Jackson II to the membership, listing his many responsibilities in helping keep the club going. The members then gave him a generous round of applause.

Fannish Committee Reports: CLJII: A fannish committee is something like - Stupid Crook Reports or Stupid Computer User Reports, not an announcement you weren't allowed to make.

Miscellaneous: Marcia Minsky received an e-mail. Fred Patten sends regards, and is sorry he can't be here. He sends congratulations. He wants to know how Marty likes the 'L room. He seems to like it just fine...

CLJII defers to Mr. Hertz. We have greetings from Paul Turner, who started the notion we might actually have a building. Also, greetings from Tim Kirk. We also have a message from Saki Hijiri, who was too busy being in Japan to attend.

Jerry Pournelle: in the interest of getting history correct, there was another involved in getting the clubhouse. Pelz and Chuck Crayne were responsible for making the building fund exist and buying the first clubhouse. Let's not neglect Chuck's memory.

Christian McGuire asked every member who shows up regularly to consider giving a little extra so we can pay off the \$10K loan we used to remodel the building.

Larry Niven's Greek publisher has established an annual award for short fiction in Larry's name.

Scott Beckstead moved to adjourn. And we did so at 21:14.

Meeting 3865, September 8, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting #3865 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00 and the President went on mic to hush the peanut gallery.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson, II announced - Eph Konigsberg passed away last week. This was the man who inaugurated June Moffatt into the Captain Bligh Society, whose members have all been pitched overboard by their first mate. He donated his SF collection to the LASFS. In his memory we had a moment of mostly silence.

Marty Cantor announced his photo essay of the LASFS move. He's looking for photos of the old clubhouse on moving day. Bring him photos.

Jerry Pournelle mentioned two more passings: one, Michael Hart, founder of Project Gutenberg; and, two, Richard Hohn Jr, the fan who wrote the letter to JW Campbell in 1948 commenting on the stories in the November 1949 issue of Astounding. Campbell then got the named authors to write stories with those titles and put them in that issue of Astounding. He never did another thing in fandom that anyone ever heard of.

Eyalat Poliner remembered Michael Mason, Dave Fox, Bruce Pelz, Gary Louie, Bob Null, Frank Gasperik, Jack Harness, Phil Castora, and many others who would have appreciated this move and the new clubhouse.

The **Menace** were read, and Christian McGuire paid \$4 to name them " ", carefully enunciating the first consonant. Which must have been Aleph. (*Except that it was probably Alephed behind.* - ed.)

We had an email from Joyce Worley-Katz, Las Vegas fan, who congratulated us on our new clubhouse.

Patron Saint, Emil Luwish: was honored. (Father of Mike Luwish.) Joe Zeff notes his son gave the LASFS money in his name to make him a saint. And it's tradition to note neither one looks Luwish.

Patron Saint, Emil Luwish, was given three cheers, and the usual bad pun.

Patron Saint, Greg Bilan: was honored. MaryAnn Canfield notes Greg has done a little of this and that for the club. He's been janitor, and facilitates the underpinnings of the society. Darnell took six years to realize he's a good man to talk to. Scratch: He started the LASFS interaction with the UCLA Book Fair.

Thorson: he barbecues a mean brisket. (*The brisket is so mean that it will eat you if you do not eat it first.* - ed.)

Bill Ellern: He'll also attend conventions where they are giving away lots of swag, and bring it back here for auction. (*And, boy, it surely is crowded on the dais when we try to auction off the convention.* - ed.) Eyalat: he makes a great Klingon. (*But he never tells us where he gets the ingredients.* - ed.)

Patron Saint, Greg Bilan, was given three cheers, and "Funny, he doesn't look Luwish."

Registrar Michelle Pincus announced a new member named Adam.

Science Monitor David Okimura reported as of this morning, NASA has delayed the launch of the grail mission to Friday. (*Friday did not want it?* - ed.) Photos from the lunar observatory were released, with resolution good enough to resolve the footprints and tire tracks from the lunar landing sites.

Space junk is reaching a tipping point. 22000 items that can be tracked, and lots more too small to spot. Proposals for cleaning it up are being sought.

Astronomers have caught a black hole in the act of swallowing a star. (*Are they not certain they are looking at its Adams Apple?* - ed.) A student in Britain has caught a comet in the act of breaking up. (*Obviously, comets will laugh at anything.* ed.)

Some of the oldest microfossils in Australia suggest early life metabolized sulfur instead of oxygen.

H. erectus may have been the first to cook food, 1.9 million years ago. (*Tyrannosaurus Rexes did not have the patience to cook their food before eating it.* —ed.)

H. Neanderthalis and Cro Magnon may have exchanged genes. (*They had denim in those days?* - ed.) These genes contributed immune factors that may have helped Cro Magnon thrive. (*Nah - they had a good health plan from Kaiser Permanente.* - ed.)

Committee Reports: Eylat Poliner thanked one and all who helped make last week's potluck a success. Also, thanks to Lucy Stern and Barbara Harmon who helped set up. And thanks to Frank Waller for washing dishes for people.

Matthew Tepper, as CRAB, reported on a bookstore that hasn't gone out of business after all. Next Chapter Books has not closed, it's merely moved. It's around the corner to 21616 Sherman Way. He's waiting for Borders to close for good because he bought some of their shelving.

Committee to be Obnoxious moved to adjourn. This was tabled until the end of the meeting.

Miscellaneous: Doug Crepeau: if you look at Ursa Major, the last segment on the handle, if you make an equilateral triangle, the apex will be the location of a new supernova. Zeff: an astronomer has stated you can see this supernova with a decent (20X100) pair of binoculars.

Scott Beckstead's motion to adjourn was taken off the table.... And we did so at 21:08.

Meeting 3866, September 15, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke Scribe

Meeting #3866 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00 and LASFS muzak was turned off.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson, II announced the passing of Washington Fan Dan Hoy, from suicide, and David Tibbett, finance of Favor Books killed on Holiday in Kenya by Islamic extremists, and his wife kidnapped

We have two new **Patron Saints:** Heide Nichols, also a life member, and David Okamura.

Marcia Finished finals, and is still on Deans List.

The **Menace** were read, and Christian paid \$1 to name them "I really don't like Apollo 18 (the movie)".

Patron Saint, Dale Hales, was honored. Joe Zeff notes Dale has long been one of the usual suspects for truck loading, unloading, setup and tear-down at conventions. Arlene: he's also done stuff for marketing. Even though he doesn't make it down here, he's shown up at Irvine to sit a table at the Irvine IMAX. Selina: He does lots of stuff for lots of people.

CLJII: By weird coincidence, he's the oldest friend I have. We met in Jr. High school, lost touch, and got back in touch at the Loscon CLJII chaired. **Patron Saint, Dale Hales,** was given three cheers, and board gaming.

Patron Saint, Mike Thorsen, was honored. Scratch: He's a man of many talents, much skill, and doesn't blow his own horn Selina: he invented the Kermit -cam. MBT: He's very good at having fun – trip to Universal Studios story. CLJI: Mike is someone who is always willing to pitch in and help, and as importantly, in ways that are helpful. He's good at figuring out how to make things work. He's also an entertaining conversationalist. He's been great help getting things set up.

Arlene: But for Thorsen, she wouldn't have had a place for the marketing stuff. Barbara Harmon: He's good to work with. If you don't know what you're doing and he does, he gives good guidance. Hare: When he was TRIPE's fearless leader, he sometimes settled debates by spinning what he wanted to see. Joe Zeff: Mike Thorsen is also a Sacred Object. Back when a certain Staff Sergeant was running the auction, he would bid odd amounts, just to throw monkey wrenches into the auctioneer's head.

Joan: he has a keen and wonderful sense of humor, but you have to listen carefully. Eylat: He's been very willing to meet her when she's had to do stuff for Loscon and provide transportation. David Okamura: After meetings, has met him at dubhouse, and it's been a pleasure working with him. **Patron Saint, Mike Thorsen,** was given three cheers, and "29 cents".

Registrar Michelle Pincus announced a guest. Luke McGowan. He found us on the Internet.

Science Monitor David Okamura reported on the meteorite that came through the atmosphere.

NASA announced yesterday they will be working on a new booster. Assessments in the news were mixed. There is a preliminary report on a nasal spray of insulin might slow down the progress of early onset Alzheimers.

Committee Reports: Loscon (Arlene): Christian, Jim and she made a trip to Conjecture, sat at a table, and threw one of the two parties there. We got one membership and a lot of good vibes.

Tim announced the collection of \$58 for wi-fi expenses. \$115 was given at the board meeting, and \$360 from Milt Stevens for a total of \$533.31 toward the internet, which will be ordered shortly. We'll still need money to keep the internet going.

Reviews: Finished Mission of Honor trilogy by Weber. First Honor Harrington book turns out to be parallel to these three, as well. The books are well worth reading.

Scratch reviewed Wind-Up Girl by Paolo Baciglupi, post bio -warfare which takes out oil. Hugo-nominated. Well written.

Tim Trzepacz read The Light Ages by Ian MacLeod. This is Victorian steampunk/industrial magic – what happens when aether is depleted. Author seems to have not known where he was going until the end of the book

Miscellaneous: Bill Green went to Conjecture and went to a panel with Jim Young. He's retired Foreign Service who's turned to writing. It turns out they went to the same high school.

Hare Hobbs noted that people involved in the NeverEnding Panel are named in the dedication to The Unincorporated Woman, by Dani and Eytan Kollin.

Jim Busby: Jim Young was on a couple of panels with him along with Dani and Eytan. He just missed being in his office when 9/11 occurred, and was a victim of the anthrax attack. He's just now getting

his voice back.

Tepper: known Jim Young since early 70s, and he's one of those with whom he was stranded in the stix.

Jeni Burr notes in Locus: LASFS buys a new building.

Scott Beckstead's motion to adjourn was taken off the table....

And we did so at 21:13.

Board of Directors meeting
October 9, 2011
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin. Warren "Whiskey" Johnson had an excused absence.

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Milt Stevens, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Eyal Poliner, June Moffatt, Nick Smith, Jeni Burr, Heide Nichols, Ed Hooper. Joe Zeff, Gavin Claypool, Timon Trzepacz.

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

Opening Remarks: The Chairman wished us good morning and welcomed everybody to the Board meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of September, 2011 were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were applications (and membership fees) from Jesse Rhines, PhD, and Jay T. Mayer. They were accepted, unanimously.

Treasurer: We have no money – do not spend it. (Actually, we have enough money to last us to the end of the year and by that time people will start paying their yearly dues and we will be fine.)

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): The chairman had nothing to report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): And the Vice Chairman reported that he had no vice to report at this time.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): The Secretary had nothing to report – as Secretary, but he did have a small report in his position of Publications Overseer.

Publications (Marty Cantor): The lockable fixtures in the APA-L Room are finished and several drawers and bins have been assigned to club members who need them and if any other members need lockable drawers and

bins, please see me and I will assign them drawers or bins and issue them keys.

Comptroller (Bill Ellern): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 19,817 units to date, 505 units this period. Soda money: \$14,452.00 to date, \$3 78.75 for this period. No supplies of paper utensils, or cleaning agents were purchase this month as none were needed as previous purchases covered this month's needs in those areas.

Library (Warren "Whiskey" Johnson): The librarian was not here but it was noted that most books have been shelved.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): The contractor is still working. Our small hot water heaters blew up because we do not have a pressure relief valve in the building. The roof leak is still leaking. The contractor is working on both problems.

AV Equipment (Robert Powell): The projector was set up by Thorsen, Tim, and Frank, and it works fine.

Events (Darnell Coleman): (Arlene Satin): Facebook is being updated with LOSCON information on a daily basis. Press releases for LOSCON are being created and sent out. LOSCON work continues apace. Christian says that there is not yet one of the GoHs confirmed for LOSCON 39. Membership for 38 is at 460+. PRs 3 & 4 are up. Updated guest list and panels should be up on web site in a week or two. On Nov. 5 in Woodland Hills there will be an event to promote LOSCON, an event for kids put on by the Woodland Hills/Tarzana area Chamber of Commerce. (Eyal contributed to this report.)

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): (See Marketing Committee report, below.)

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): At the West Hollywood Book Fair we got 27 leads, lots of people were interested in LOSCON – and \$121.06 was made on book sales. (All of this money went to library.) And we got somebody to come to the club and he purchased a membership in LOSCON. Arlene asked about storage for Marketing Committee items. Christian said that there is room for these items in Monstro. (Plus there is a new step stool which will hold 1000 pounds of person.) (Arlene is happy.)

Club President (Marcia Minsky): Thursday night there were minor issues with the airlock. (The double door between Freehafer Hall and the socializing area is called the airlock.) There should be signs on both sides of the door telling people to keep it closed when a meeting is in progress so that sound from the other part of the building does not disturb the meeting.

LAFA

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace
(formerly known as VIP Harbor Seafood)

(Chinese cuisine)

Brandyhall

Lee and Barry Gold, hosts

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

Directions: See Thomas Bros. L.A. Co., page 672, B-5 (1992 edition); page 49, E-3 (older editions). Brandyhall is located southwest of the intersection of the San Diego (I-405) and Santa Monica (I-10) Freeways.

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. Call ahead if you can to reserve a prime location. Who gets the spare bed will be determined at the filk, depending on who shows up.
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but copying can be done using the inkjet printer or by scanning something and then printing it on a laser printer.

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

spam discussion as many Board members have been receiving lots of spam supposedly sent by the Board and to the Board members. Barry stated that he'd make himself "gatekeeper" for e-mail sent to the Board if Board members consented. They did so. // Elayne may be successful in installing on-line access for the club. // There was a discussion of a proposed wiki for the web site..

Barry also e-mailed the Board a report and the gist of what from it was discussed now follows: There have been some changes to the web site with some changes being additions and other changes being re-arrangements. Very important was a discussion at the previous Board meeting of problems newcomers might have about understanding LASFS dues, membership fees, and guests' three free meetings. Several pages were revised to take care of this. Lee and Barry want photos of the completed library and the meeting room with people actually sitting there. There was also a discussion of who the library memorialized, with it being named after several people. Heide Nichols stated that on different occasions over the years there had been informal attempts to name the LASFS Library as a Memorial for Jim Glass, Michael Ma-

formal attempts to name it as a memorial for any or all of them. The Board was now given the opportunity to name it after any or all of these people. Instead, it asked Heide to go ahead with her research.

Agenda Items:

Marketing needs space to store bins of supplies (Arlene Satin): Christian says that Marketing can have some access and space in Monstro.

Heide: She read a report on the naming of our buildings and our building areas. We discussed The Paul Turner Building, Freehafer Hall, and The Null Space. It was moved, seconded and passed (unanimously) to accept the wording to put on the signs which will be hung on the wall in the entry hall. Heide was thanked for her work. Heide will produce the signs

Tadao has been contacting Elayne about CostumeCon 30 in Arizona renting items for next March. Also, loaning Museum of Contemporary Art some items. It was moved, seconded, and passed (unanimously) to rent these pipe and drape items to CostumeCon 30 at a charge of \$500. It was also moved, seconded, and passed to rent curtains to MOCA for \$500. There was 1 abstention.

Art Director's Guild would like to rent 4 baggies of Art show hangings (with pegboard). It was move, seconded, and passed to rent 4 baggies of Art Show hangings (with pegboard) to the Art directors Guild at \$40 a bag. This is for next weekend.

"Obsolete Info" (Jeni Burr) There was a discussion about renting the clubhouse to a group of young people and their friends for a loud music session. These people make music with obsolete game devices. A wide-ranging discussion was held. Do we allow Jeni to approach this group with the idea that they might want to invite this group to rent the LASFS for \$35 and the terms of discussion? This was moved and the vote was 4 in favor, 5 against, 1 abstention.

Naming our library: Lee says the library has been named for Jim Glass, Michael Mason, and Bruce Pelz.

Elayne Pelz wishes to discuss some items with respect to the new building.

Comfy seating area: how much seating? As part of this discussion we slightly diverged into another wide-ranging discussion, this time about proper usage of various areas of the club – plus what to do in the various areas. It was eventually moved, seconded, and passed to put couches in main room, the alcove will have couches and also be a video viewing room, and the room opposite the computer room will have comfy seating area but we will investigate other items to put in there. MSP: we will set up the main area of the north section with couches, the alcove will have couches as will the area opposite the computer room, with both of these small areas being considered for multiple uses, will investigate putting file cabinets in the space opposite the computer room and the alcove as a video viewing area as the other uses other

passed.

What else will people think of to discuss? (Carpet square glue is going away.) (Roaches aren't.) (Are they eating the glue?) There is glue in the attic.

(If not addressed in other reports)

Status of treasury (Darnell Coleman). This was previously discussed.

We set a fine for leaving the door connecting Freehafer Hall and the socializing area open during a meeting at 50¢. (This was initially brought up by Darnell Coleman.) Turn space across club driveway into a sellable parking spot? This was also brought up by Darnell Coleman but was dismissed as both impractical and not legal.

Parking: Mike Donahue expects information about changing the parking on Aetna.

Open Forum:

Nick Smith. He needs 2 guinea pigs to sell books of coupons. As a test. Matthew and Jeni volunteered.

Ed Hooper mentioned Wikipedia has us as a Los Angeles suburb and he wants to get it changed to a Los Angeles neighborhood. Asked permission of the Board to change it and the Board agreed.

June recommended that Schirm decorate both sides of the APA-L Room door. The Board had no objections But Heide would like to get the painting changed every now and then.

Milt has been working on a project of scanning covers of science fiction magazines: 3370 covers on 9 CDs. He has donated one copy to Joe Siclari for fanac.org. Also, 1 copy to Riverside and 1 copy to MSU. 1 copy to LASFS archives. Wondering about the possibility of make some money on this. There was a discussion of possible copyright problems. Milt has been working with Arlene on this. The legalities of this bothered many Board members so it was decided that some study on this was needed.

Bill proposed a mural on the Freehafer Hall east wall, like the one in our former building. This was referred to the hall decoration committee.

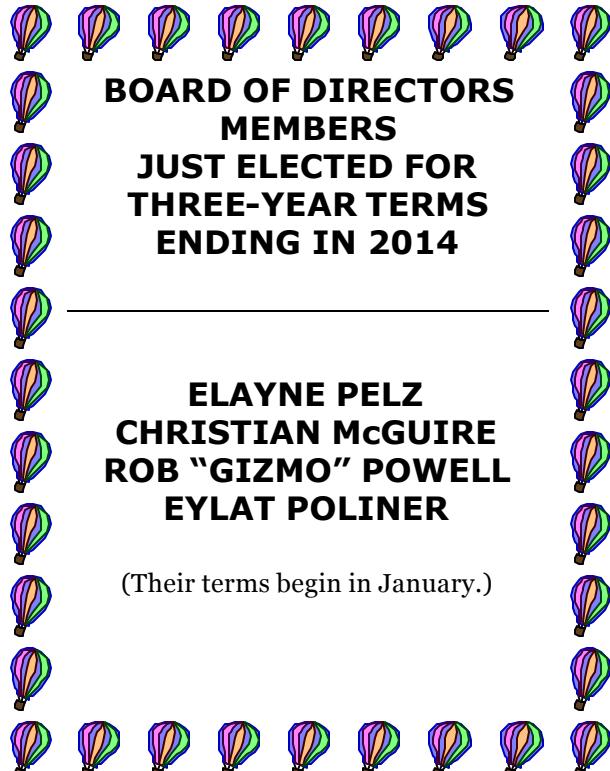
Our next meeting will be November 13.

Taken Away from previous meetings:

Christian handling badge for the person who will be picking up stuff from UPS.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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