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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

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 - "Silver" Screen Cowboys

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

AUGUST 2 - Tom Safer Cartoons: Bugs Bunny, Directed by Chuck Jones, Bob McKimson & Friz Freleng 45min
AUGUST 9 - BIG AUCTION!!!
AUGUST 16 - Talk by librarian Ellen Jarosz from CSUN Library regarding Exhibition which includes genre books, magazines, art, and photos
AUGUST 23 - Video: X-15 the first Usable Manned Spacecraft
AUGUST 30 - LASFS Limber Up Workout
 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



Saturday, August 25: The LASFS clubhouse will be closed.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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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.

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I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his 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.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2012

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Liz Carlie. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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Chairman: Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellern (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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

Meeting 3901, May 17, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3901 of the LASFS to order at 20:10. Tonight, we are on agenda semi-moderately light because of the program.

Special Orders of Business: JK Klein has died. He was a prolific NY fan, with more pix of people you'll never want to see than you'll ever see in your life. For this gentleman, we had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Mike Stern paid \$1 to name them "a whole bunch of nothing"

Marty Cantor announced DUFF is having a race between two people to go to Australia. The deadline is RSN. Anyone interested in voting, there are forms on the APA-L window ledge.

Patron Saint Tom Digby was honored. Hare Hobbs: first saw Digby before coming to LASFS. There he was, at a screening of Alien, with antennae, pierced nose, and shirtless with his piercings. I didn't know much about him at the time, but it was a strange introduction to what fandom is like. Mike Stern: Tom is a poet. He's a great poet. He has written some poetry that is utterly fantastic. He's also a filker, best known for Little Teeny Eyes (now old enough to be a drinking song) Marty Cantor: He has one of the most unusual minds in fandom. (Only one of the most? – Jerry Pournelle) He came up with the notion

that the Bermuda Triangle, lying wholly within itself, no longer exists because it caused itself to disappear.

Eylat: her first impression of Digby when she was 18 years old, Oh my gawd, is that what SF fans are into? It turns out, no. Later she got to know Digby as a kind and generous soul. Tom Safer: remembers Digby in the APA-L room, collating. He would complain because the location of the monitor would change and he couldn't watch from the -L room any more. Tepper: When I joined 43 years ago, meetings were held at Digby's residence. First thing he noticed were odd devices he decorated his domicile with, devices he had built. Most memorable was a clock that would move forward or backward a random amount of time.

CLJII: after the club had stopped meeting at the Hill, he volunteered his place, the Labyrinth Duquesne, and the club met in his living room and den. Digby was once described as a man who would live around the corner from a place that sold dill pickle ice cream. He did. Stern: He's famous for bubbles. He always has a bubble machine. Scratch: He's a quiet man. He has a mind I would consider unique. Knowledgeable, wacky, but a nice guy.

Hare: He was a proper southern gentleman. He was too polite to jump in with a remark, and his remarks would pertain to a subject from several minutes ago. Digby is responsible for a number of SF stories. Chocolate covered manhole cover, death by ecstasy, and others.

Patron Saint Tom Digby was given three cheers and a teeny tiny chocolate covered manhole cover.

New Business: Doing away with **Special Orders of Business** on a regular basis. **Special Orders of Business** will be done on an occasional basis.

Registrar Michelle announced two guests: Annike (Cynthia Delker) and Rita Ractliffe (yes, that's spelled correctly!)

Marcia Minsky passed her phlebotomy basic training. She starts advanced training tomorrow morning.

The **Committee to Gouge** had an Auction.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin announced Programs:

Marketing: GoodReads is up to 120 members. Check the link on the LASFS website.

Marcia announced, once again, the change in dues policy. All satellite groups meeting here will be asked to have their members pay LASFS dues if they haven't already paid for the week: Estrogen Zone, TRIPE, FWEMS, Cinema Anime.

Reviews: Gaslight Gathering is a marvelous little convention. Everyone was well turned out, and even the ones not in Steampunk were better dressed than average. People brought their manners. Language was better, people held doors for others.

Milt was reading Analog and came across a review of a website, Galaxika a virtual galaxy, with 1.1 million solar systems. For \$12, you can buy a solar system and change the specifications. This included a system with a gas giant with 100 moons. (Technically, Saturn is a gas giant with at least a hundred moons...) You can add aliens to these planets, though they frown on borrowing other people's aliens.

Arlene reviewed our guest for last week. Mr. Long was timid in the beginning, and warmed to the task. His book was quite graphic, but a very good take-off.

Jerry Pournelle has been reading a book called 1491, by Charles Mann. Very strange book. He's somewhere between a scientist and an enthusiast. His thesis seems well supported. There were probably as many people in the western hemisphere as in the eastern in 1491. Smallpox and influenza did in most, because the Spanish brought pigs, a reservoir of disease. This explains weird references to empty villages DeSoto found up and down the Mississippi. It also explains how some of the ruins could have been built in areas with such low populations. It's worth reading, but don't believe everything you read.

Also, his daughter's hypothesis about the origins of civilization seems to have upset the anthropologists considerably. She has a grant to pursue her studies, and she's making quite a name for herself.

Fannish Committee Reports: Tom Safer read a bulletin: too good to be true: one of Google Maps forgot to place the body of water between Saudi Arabia and Iran. They forgot to put a name there. Iran wants to sue Google.

Joe Zeff had a putridity report: Mike McGinty, often here on Fridays. Now doing Senior Tech Support at DSL Extreme. He now appreciates Zeff's stories.

Miscellaneous: Arlene asked people to police their surroundings.

We adjourned to the program at 21:24

Meeting 3902, May 24, 2012 **President Marcia Minsky, Presiding** **Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3902 of the LASFS to their places with their sun-shiny faces at 20:10. Tonight, we are on agenda semi-moderately light because of the program.

The **Menace** were read, and Matthew Tepper paid \$1 to name them "Whippoorwill whippoorwill!"

Patron Saint DeeDee Lavender was honored. Jim Busby knew Roy and DeeDee from the old Rockwell plant. They were a nice couple and always very much in love, and loved SF. When DeeDee passed, Roy contacted him at the museum of Science and Industry to arrange for a donation of her collection of space stamps. DeeDee was a neat lady, fascinating, and kind of an inspiration

for how couples should work. Joe Zeff: sure she was the first color to become a patron saint of the LASFS. **Patron Saint DeeDee Lavender** was given three cheers and a Vacutainer.

Elayne Pelz reported that Sandy Cohen is home recovering. Still not on all cylinders. Give him a few days before calling. But we have another member in the hospital with the same thing. Joyce Sperling is in with a Staph infection.

Registrar Michelle announced no guests.

David Okamura deferred to Jim Busby for the moment of science. We have entered the Heinlein century. The first commercial spacecraft is orbiting the earth, doing everything up to spec. The Merlin engines are very simple, easy to maintain, and easy to work with. They're expected to dock tonight at around midnight. Jerry Pournelle: one of the important things about the launch sequence is that it's not designed for performance. The fact they could light all nine engines, shut them down because the computer vetoed the launch, refurbish, and launch two days later is the most significant thing to happen in the past 30 years of space travel. This is real re-usability. Jim added, if all goes well, the mission will conclude on or about June 1 with a landing by the Dragon capsule. There will be some stuff brought back, but nothing mission critical. This was to find out if it would work. So far, so good.

The **Committee to Gouge** had an Auction.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin announced Programs:

Marketing: There are 129 members on GoodReads LASFS. We have members from Canada, Europe, and all over the place. The website now has a correct link to the GoodReads page.

Marcia introduced Daryl from the Burbank Library.

Internet: Failed to secure funding from SCIFI. We're looking for more funding. We're at \$600 and need \$1000 or \$1200. U-verse counts us as a business so it costs \$70 plus tax and fees. About \$90 for 12 MB/s. DSL is not usable at all hereabouts.

Announcements: Richard Costas: Stephanie Voy is in the hospital with a kidney infection, getting dialysis. Need another card for Stephanie and Joyce.

Michelle Pincus: Nick Smith wishes it known that The Fellowship is a very funny play. Special discount tickets on the website. Google The Fellowship.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs reviewed the news coverage of the "failed" launch, featuring people grumbling about the waste of money. When it blasted off, the news networks offered no apologies.

Tepper: a bunch of us went to Griffith Observatory to tour and view the eclipse. Delightful to tour the place. The solar glasses worked beautifully. Planning to go back

on June 5 for the transit of Venus.

Jim Busby related a story: Columbia Center. He was giving a presentation on the Dragon space craft mission. We ran out of glasses, and people were asking where to get them. One girl sold her glasses for \$20, having paid \$2 for them.

Miscellaneous: Ken has a couple of issues of Mondo Cult. He's selling them, \$10 each.

Arlene asked people to police their surroundings.

We adjourned to the program at 21:12

Meeting 3903, May 31, 2012
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

How many dragons does it take to change a NASA engineer's mind? I don't know either, so let's start meeting #3903 of the LASFS and maybe Dr. Busby will have an answer.

John Hertz, as North America administrator for DUFF announced the deadline to vote is midnight tonight. This is the fund that sends fans to and from Australia.

Joe Zeff recalled the inventor of the TV remote has died.

Matthew Tepper announced Leo Dylan, illustrator for Dangerous Visions books and many other books has passed.

Tonight, we are on agenda light because of the program.

The **Menace** were read, and Tom Locke paid \$1.50 to name them "Time to start Dragon NASA around." Plus a quarter for the pun.

Patron Saint Ed Baker was honored. Matthew Tepper did not know him for very long, as he had his time on Earth ended for him. One thing regularly remarked about him was that he was an Esperantist, especially if it would annoy other people. ("Like the LASFS Treasury records!" cried Elayne.) Milt: He once translated an entire Fantasy Rotator for The Cult into Esperanto, and got thrown out of The Cult over that. Tom Locke said, 22 figured prominently in his life. He was born on 11/22/41, he was 22 when Kennedy was assassinated, died on 4/22/71, and because of all this, his meeting number is 22.

Milt Stevens notes he showed up here in the early 60s and was often mistaken for Fred Patten. Collectively, they were Ed Patten and Fred Baker. Ed was club librarian when the library was stored in a garage and changed garages every few years. He was noted for Catholicism, objectivism, Esperanto, and being thrown out for translating stuff. Girls at parties found out he was easily embarrassed, but that's back when parties were livelier than they are now. When they started fooling around with him, his ears would turn red and he'd start to stutter, so at every party he would have girls crawling all over him.

He is one of the few fans to get himself murdered. Shot to death near his family home on Crenshaw. It seems to have been a robbery. Matthew Tepper only knew him for a short time before his passing. He was a quiet fellow and shy, but a nice guy and spoke well to people. His death was a sad event. Phil Castora, in absentia, recalls Ed Baker had a talent for blushing on cue, and he didn't like his coffee too sweet. (*Phil once told me that Ed, at an After-meeting, once put a dozen spoonfuls of sugar into his cup of coffee and then started drinking it without stirring. When queried Ed mentioned that he did not like his coffee too sweet.—ed.*) **Patron Saint Ed Baker** was given three cheers and a green star.

Old member Sheri Kaylor showed up, she used to be Cheryl Chapman.

Jim Busby had a **Moment of Science**. We have been looking toward the future for 75 years. The future is catching up. The Dragon spacecraft flew a phenomenal first mission to the ISS. It flew exactly as planned and was perfect. It landed within a mile of the designated point. It was interesting hearing reporters ask Mr. Musk "How many NASA astronauts are you going to fly?" Answer: Maybe none. There is a lot of commercial space news. Space Ship 2 will start tests before the end of the year. Sierra Nevada corp did its lift and tote tests of the Dream Chaser. Former Ares rocket, now Liberty, produced by ATK, announced they're working on their composite version of the Orion space craft. And the Orion space craft is proceeding and will fly its first mission in 2013.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin announced Programs.

CLJII announced, after our fine showing last weekend of the Space Patrol tribute, our next event is August. It will be a whole day of Cowboy movies, with no Lone Ranger and no Buck Jones' Horse.

The **Committee to Gouge** did so. Between solar glasses and the soda flavor, we raised \$25.

Announcements: Hare Hobbs announced that he's acting a bit different. There's a nut group that's said vitamin D can cure autism. He's being tested. He wants to see if we notice the difference, now that we've been primed for it.

Jim Busby announced Columbia memorial space center will celebrate Arlene's engagement with an exhibit called Great Balls of Fire. Goodness gracious! (A reference to the piece of meteorite Arlene has as an engagement present.)

Reviews: Milt Stevens went to Baycon. On that weekend there were two other conventions, fanime and one other. Baycon was 1800 people but looking for another weekend. Saw first example of elevator rage. On party floor, a fellow with a baby carriage rammed people in a crowded elevator until three of them left. And new reactions to Tom Digby. It was at a room party where they were sitting around and Tom walked in. Also sharing the elevator with Assyrians who don't seem to believe in soap, and

may leave bloody handprints after a disagreement.

Miscellaneous: CLJII: What happened to typographers responsible for convention material that included San Digeo. They're working for Mitt Romney, running for president of Amercia.

Arlene asked people to police their surroundings.

We adjourned to the program at 21:02.

Meeting 3904, June 7, 2012
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Break anything?

No

Darn. I tried to.

With that, we have no choice but to start meeting #3904 of the LASFS at 20:05.

The President began by announcing the loss of LASFS member Ray Bradbury. Tonight, we are on agenda light because of the program.

Jim Young, MnSTF fan and pro, is recovering from brain surgery. His tumor is now a former. He is in hospital in Fullerton. [Update: He did not recover, but passed this week.]

The **Menace** were read, and Christian McGuire paid \$4 to name them "I would have to say something totally inappropriate like F'd Be Ray Bradbury".

Patron Saint Jim Glass was honored. Craig Miller: For years, he was LASFS librarian. Cantor: He was librarian at first clubhouse, a room not much bigger than our dais. He did a wonderful job with what he had. He quit librarianship some time after we moved to Burbank Blvd. He died a few years ago. **Patron Saint Jim Glass** was given three cheers and complete transparency.

Patron Saint Mike Bloom was honored. Christian wished it acknowledged Michael Bloom helped us with an important plumbing problem. Marcia has played Hell with Michael, and he's an excellent player. Maryanne: Admired a T shirt he was wearing that was his own design, about playing Hell. She told him she admired it, and he gave her a copy. Arlene: One day he came in with a T shirt with a brighter and friendlier version of our logo. It's the one we use now.

Tepper: One T shirt he came up with depicts the chimera with the head of a goose, bottom half of kangaroo, inscription is GooRoo. Michelle Pincus: He's a brilliant computer person. Marty would be interested to know he worked for Gestetner. He's a loyal friend, and LASFS means a lot to him. **Patron Saint Mike Bloom** was given three cheers and a wet t shirt.

Registrar Michelle introduced three guests. Richard Overton, who has an audition tomorrow morning. He

heard about us from Chris Johnston. Rick Whitmore, a computer graphics person. And Alec Thorsen, who heard about us from his uncle Michael.

Old Business: Nominations for President of the LASFS.

Nominated were Michelle Pincus, Matthew Tepper, and James Busby. In the absence of further accepted nominations, nominations were closed.

Committee Reports: Arlene announced: July 7, Ray Bradbury memorial, 2 PM here. Eylat handles the usual potluck, as usual. July 7 was the earliest date available, though it might be appropriate to have a memorial in The October Country... Arlene then read a couple of pieces about Ray Bradbury and the letter Ray wrote for the LASFS 75th Anniversary. The floor was then opened for remarks, comments, etc.

Milt Stevens recalls he published fanzines, *Futura Fantastica*. He eventually bought back copies to burn, because he didn't think that highly of his early writings. Larry Niven met Ray at age 10. Ray never denied he was a science fiction writer. Terry Brussels: *Martian Chronicles* was read on her father's radio show.

Jim Busby: Ray went out of his way to be friendly. He was also extremely kind. He spoke to the Long Beach city council to try and prevent the closing of Acres of Books. CLJII Think what a spy he'd have made. People would tell him anything. In the mists of times, there were two Rays and an FJA. Bradbury, Harryhausen, and Ackerman. When there was a memorial for Forry, Charlie was sitting behind the cut-out for wheelchairs. Ray was in front of him. Ray seemed to be dozing, then he was introduced. The moment he was introduced, he came to life and sparkled.

Eric Hoffman has two memories: He's grateful to his parents for his love of reading and his love of music. Ray is partly responsible for getting into reading. Ray Bradbury was in the credits for *Beast from 20,000 Fathoms*. He also wrote the story line and treatments for *It Came from Outer Space*. Met years later and told him this, "I hope you won't hold it against me." At a convention, A friend is standing nearby, being led around on a leash. Ray comes over and has this deer in the headlights look. "Isn't it amazing what you can find in a dealer's room?" Eric asked. Ray asked, "Where do you bid?" Hare: After Ray's stroke, Ray was given an award. (Presidential Medal of the Arts) President Clinton insisted on being the one to push him around in his wheelchair.

Doug Crepeau: early 80s, at a convention In Pasadena: he and Gene Roddenberry swapped badges. John Hertz: He deserves a kind of praise as a writer that has been neglected. He reached people. His works were a pleasure to read. Craig owes Bradbury his life. At 13 wrote him a letter, talking about his books. He was invited to Ray's office in Beverly Hills for half an hour. It turned into 3 hours. Told Craig about the LASFS. This has led to his life path.

Christian has had several experiences with Ray: First or second Loscon, heard Ray was running around with a

Gene Roddenberry badge. He bought Dandelion Wine, went to the person with the Gene Roddenberry badge, asked him to sign the book. Somewhere in his collection he has a copy of Dandelion Wine, signed Gene Roddenberry, in Ray's hand.

Eric Hoffman: At a worldcon in Anaheim, introduced Tarzan to Ray Bradbury. The two went into fanboy mode at the thought of meeting each other. Jerry Pournelle spoke. Ray was not shy about asking others to drive for him. He purported to hate cars, but owned three Jaguars. He spent most of his life thinking he was terrified of flying, but one day he had to get to Ireland for a conference. Five shots of Scotch got him on the plane. Then he realized he liked flying, and flew everywhere. He also decided he liked Single Malt Scotch.

Eylat read a statement from Facebook. Scratch and Soreya acted as his escort at a convention years ago. It was a joy. Regina Reynante had fond memories of helping him at the 2006 Worldcon. She wore her corset because he liked it, and gave hand and arm massages because he was worn out from signing. Mike Donahue: Ray was extremely encouraging to him. He demonstrated his love of learning in a conversation about film chemistry.

Matthew Tepper recalls he was one of the SF writers introduced to him at a teacher at a private school, Florence Russel, widow of LASFS member Sam Russel. The person who wasn't going to be here, posted on Facebook, spoke movingly about her parent's dear friend Ray Bradbury. Matthew Tepper: When the LA High School building was damaged in Sylmar quake. He took two bricks from pile of rubble. Gave one to his father, and one to Ray.

Eylat offered: when she joined LASFS, she found it through Asimov's SF magazine. Found Forrest J's house, and heard him telling stories about Ray. A few days after she got home, she got a package addressed to The Mystery Girl. In it was some stuff Ray Bradbury had written.

Miscellaneous: Arlene asked people to police their surroundings.

We adjourned at 21:54

Meeting 3905, June 14, 2012
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Happy Flag Day! President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3905 of the LASFS to order at 20:05.

Jim Young, MnSTF fan and pro, is no longer recovering from brain surgery. His passing was noted.

The **Menace** were read, and Peter paid \$5 to name them "Rest In Peace, Ray".

Patron Saint Hare Hobbs was honored. Eylat: Hare has always been really good about helping out. He'll be there to help lift and move stuff. Scratch: He's a man of many pieces of music. Once had 5000 LPs, and his cur-

rent collection of CDs is larger. He's pleasant with his minor addiction. Matthew Tepper: Even though he is dyslexic, he has not let that stop him from reading as much as he can.

Liz: Hare's always been very nice to her, may be a bigger audiophile than she is, he's a massive Beach Boys fan, and he's nifty. Jim Busby: Hare was one of the first he met at an SF con. Is this a parody of a fan? No. He's really a cool guy. He's always been very cool and calm, and is a really good friend. CLJII: Hare puts the lie to Kermit's original theme song. Scrach: He likes green. Debra: He's very intelligent and knowledgeable, and he's a Gemini. **Patron Saint Hare Hobbs** was given three cheers and a beach boys record.

Patron Saint Sandy Cohen was honored. CLJII: He was indisposed. If anything gets him out of the hospital, it's the opportunity to come here, give people chocolate, and get praised. Hare: He deserves cheers for making it here. Tepper: Sandy is the sacred chancellor of chocolate. Marcia: So happy to see you back at LASFS.

Eylat: one time running con suite, had chocolate themed hours. Went to drug store day after Halloween, picked up 2 carts of Halloween candy. Enough to impress Sandy. **Patron Saint Sandy Cohen** was given three cheers and a world of pure imagination.

Registrar Michelle was in the room! There were two guests: Ken Rokos, encouraged to visit by a friend, and David S. Pass, visiting us because he loves SF.

Old Business: Charlie Jackson, II announced the onset of Elections. Nominations for President of the LASFS. Previously nominated were Michelle Pincus, Matthew Tepper, and James Busby. Nominations were re-opened.

Frank Waller wrangled a nomination for himself but the winner was Matthew Tepper, with Michelle Pincus a close second.

Vice President, many were nominated, Greg Bilan was chosen.

Treasurer: Sandy Cohen nominated Elayne Pelz and moved to close the nominations. Elayne holding still for this travesty, was elected.

Scribe: the incumbent declining, Joe Zeff and Liz Carlie were nominated. Liz won the vote, and gets to learn the arcane intricacies of the office.

Registrar: Michelle Pincus was nominated. The tag team of Hooper and Reynante was also nominated. Michelle Pincus won the post of Registrar.

Announcements: Eric Hoffman announced a book is coming out. William Patrick Maynard is writing a new series of Dr Fu Manchu. The Terror of Fu Manchu, and The Destiny of Fu Manchu. It's set in the original period. The second is set during the Munich peace discussions. Check on Amazon.

Reviews: David Okamura: Landscaping review. Marc

Schirmeister has planted plants in the areas outside our front door.

Matthew Tepper: John Scalzi appeared at Burbank Library last night. He was funny as all heck. If his writing is as good, he's a writer to follow.

Bill Ellern: Terry Pratchett's latest volume appeared in Amazon.uk, The World of Poo. Delightfully done, suitable for children 6-70.

Miscellaneous: Thorsen: Desperation in everyday life – down to last \$500, not enough to pay rent. Needs job. Anyone hiring for anything, please let him know.

Arlene: Those who brought food, please deal with leftovers and wipe down table.

Marcia called attention to her lanyard, which is white. Yellow lanyard = day, orange = night, white = seniors. As the president of the campus said, not only is she a senior, she is also the oldest student on campus.

Graduation: Marcia will finish with brick and mortar studies in 7 weeks. Then she has her externship, and then she graduates Oct 20 as a medical assistant with a minor in phlebotomy.

We adjourned at 21:59

Board of Directors meeting

June 10, 2012

Karl Lembke, Chairman

Marty Cantor, Secretary

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

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, June Moffatt, Jim Busby, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Joe Zeff, Matthew B. Tepper, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Mark Poliner, Michelle Pincus, Heidi Nichols, Darnell Coleman, Jeni Burr, Tim Trzepacz, Tom Safer.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am.

Opening Remarks: The Chairman said, "Welcome to the week before Father's Day meeting."

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of May 2012, were accepted as amended.

New Members: Jeff Walters was accepted. Jeff Walters paid his \$5 and put in an application to join the Society. He was accepted.

Treasurer: No report.

30 Second Reports:

LAFA
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, August 18, 2012
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
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

Directions: See Thomas Bros. L.A. Co., page 672, B-5 (1992 edition); page 49, E-3 (older editions)

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

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): The Edelweiss has been taken care of.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Bill Ellern): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): We purchased lots of supplies – paper towels, bug spray, and all sorts of wonderful things. Soda units sold: 22,353 units to date, 444 units this period. Soda money: \$444.25 to date, \$17,022.25 for this period.

Library (Warren “Whiskey” Johnson): (No report from video curator.) Elayne reported that the bookcases have been installed and filled (but needs to be reinforced).

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): We have bugs. A bug-bomb was recommended. Nothing has gone wrong and all bills have been paid. Rob says that we may have to reinforce a rule of no food or drink in the computer area.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No comments or complaints since our last meeting.

Events (Eylat Poliner): Mah Jongg Tournament was held. – 16 people attended and these were the winners: The highest cumulative score of 5410 points was achieved by Kris Bauer who tanked badly in Round 3 and didn't make it to the finals. The 4 finalists were Karl Lembke, Greg Bilan, Mike Thorsen, and MaryAnn Canfield. Fourth place – Mike Thorsen. Third place – MaryAnn Canfield. Second place – Greg Bilan. The winner was Karl Lembke. // Christian reported that a LOSCON meeting was cancelled. We now have new LOSCON bookmarks.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): No report right now.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): We will be having a Ray Bradbury Memorial on July 7 at 2 pm. Eylat is taking care of the pot luck food service. Lee Gold says that our web site has a web page for a Bradbury Memorial. There will be a marketing committee meeting on June 20 at 7:30 at the clubhouse. June 23, at 3 pm, Arlene will be going to a Mysterious Galaxy Mixer after the LOSCON meeting. July 18th there will be a Hugo Nominated Short Story reading at 7:30 pm. Good Read – about 140 members only a fraction of them being LASFS members. // (Arlene said that Michelle is doing a wonderful job handling the Children's Reading Program.) Michelle: Pasadena Library will have a Tim Griffin performance at 11 am and at 1 o' clock 2 pm at another library in Pasadena. On June 26, Eitan Kollin will be doing a reading at the library. July 26 at 11 am, Shawn Crosby will be performing. Nick Smith will be reading at Aug. 7 at 3 pm. // Will be ordering LASFS bookmarks soon.

Club President (Marcia Minsky): We had our previous meeting as usual but it was modified by many people speaking about Ray Bradbury – and we had a large turnout for that meeting. We also had the first nominations for Procedural President: Michelle Pincus, Matthew B. Tepper, and James Busby were nominated.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Nothing new, a very boring month. Jeni Burr mentioned that in asking new members how they found the club, 80% mentioned that they found us through our web page. The Golds received applause for their work on our web site.

Open Forum:

A fellow named Steve Singer wants to unload some SF memorabilia. Karl has handled this.

Bill Ellern brought up a CFO party on the 16th. Arlene mentioned that if CFO wanted publicity for this party they could come to the Marketing Committee but They have to ask US.

June Moffatt reminded the Board that she still has 16 cartons of Eph's books that have to be removed from her house and brought to the club. Karl said that he would probably be the person who picked up the books.

Agenda Items:

Facebook/Social Media policy. We discussed policy. Christian, who put this on the agenda, decided that it was premature to discuss this. But we did have a discussion about our Facebook page matters.

Larps at LOSCON. Christian brought up a group wanting to do LARPS on one Saturday each month. Elayne mentioned that this is moot because we have no Saturdays available and because this would be an outside group they would have to pay the \$200 rate.

(A closed session was held.)

The Secretary mentioned that our next meeting will be July 8, 2012.

Take-Aways:

Taken Away from previous meetings::

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting 1:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

Letter of Comment from Bill Warren: Bill quoted a paragraph in the previous *DE PROF*, "Patron Saint Bill Warren was honored. Milt: He did a really big history of SF movies in the 50s, Keep Watching the Skies. He was on the LASFS board for a number of years. He was the first janitor of the first clubhouse. We used to see him more often then we do now."

Bill then wrote the following corrections and additions, "I was also the first janitor of the second clubhouse, held that position for years. I was also editor of De Prof for a long time, for a while with Craig Miller, for a while alone, for a while with my wife Beverly (who was also a De Prof editor).

"Not only did Allan Rothstein regard me as his best friends, but vice versa, too. He once drove to Oregon with me (well, I drove; I didn't want to get rear-ended), almost exactly 1000 miles from our front gate to my parents' driveway. We talked all the way up, and never ran out of things to say. On the way back, we came down the coast, adding 300 or so miles to the trip, still talking non-stop."

In a follow-up e-mail posting Bill sent a correction on for Patron Saint Stan Burns: "Jerry is quoted as saying that Stan Burns vanished when the club moved to the 2nd clubhouse. Nope. Not sure of the respective timings, but he stopped coming around very much when he moved to Riverside. He still turns up at parties." And Stan attended the Len Moffatt Memorial.

I get essentially the same corrections from Bill every year; and, once in a while, I get similar corrections from other Patron Saints. To me, this points to something very important: the LASFS needs an Official Hagiographer to record and then mention correct information when Patron Saints are honored at meetings.—ed.

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