



AUGUST 2018

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST.

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

AUGUST 2 - No programme listed at this time

AUGUST 9 - Special Board election

AUGUST 16 - Medium-sized Auction.

AUGUST 23 - No programme listed at this time.

AUGUST 30 - No programme listed at this time.

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:

[http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?](http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

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Marcia Minsky
is moving to Colorado
and has resigned her seat on the LASFS'
Board of Directors.
A Special Election to fill her seat
will be held on **August 9, 2018.**

**LASFS IS MOVING -
OUR FIRST MEETING IN OUR NEW
VENUE WILL BE ON AUGUST 2**

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
747 WHITNALL HWY
BURBANK, CA**

Parking lot is off Screenland Dr. at the end of N. Whitnall.

We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.



**NO INTERVIEW HOUR INFORMATION
AS OF THIS PRINTING**

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 544— August 2018. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 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 hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net or at club meetings 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.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net. June 2018. Hoo Hah Publication Number 2161. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Kristen Gorlitz and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers

July - December, 2018

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

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2020).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2019), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2019), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Nick Smith (2020). **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.

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' *NEW* TEMPORARY MEETING SPACE

LASFS has moved to Burbank—temporarily!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
747 WHITNALL HWY
BURBANK, CA

Parking lot is off Screenland Dr.
at the end of N. Whitnall.

We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.

I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS. If necessary, I can still remain as Publisher.

However, if I cannot find a replacement before LASFS gets a new clubhouse, I will return DE PROFUNDIS to the LASFS Board of Directors after our first meeting in our new clubhouse.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there -

also at www.lasfs.org)

Meeting 4186, November 2, 2017
President Nick Smith, presiding
Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4186 to order, with relish, at 8:01 PM.

This is the first meeting at Null Space Labs, which was actually not named in honor of Bob Null.

Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Bill Rotsler** and **Francis Hamit**.

Bill Rotsler still qualifies for a fan art Hugo, since his work continues to be published for the first time.

Each **Patron Saint** was given Three rousing Cheers.

Menace:

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Eric Hoffman bid \$2 to name the **Menace**, "Why the Hell couldn't I find this place?". If he ever shows up, we'll have to tell him.

After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was so.

Registrar Marty has been trying to get Bones to join, but he's more interested in the gas barbecue.

Elayne Pelz reports Jerry Pournelle is a new Pillar of the LASFS.

Programming (CLJII)

11/2 - Nominations for board of directors

11/9 - Election for board of directors

Old Business

Nominations for Board of Directors: Seats up for election this year are those of Christian McGuire, Elayne Pelz, Rob Powell, and Nick Smith.

Nominated were: Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire, Nick Smith, and Rob Powell, and John DeChancie

Science Report

Bill Green notes an advance in 3-d printing. Currently,

you can't generally print metal alloys. they've found a way to make good metal artifacts by 3-d printing. It will take a few years to debug the process and make it commercial, but it's a start.

Nick notes that a Russian scientist has found that anything you can keep liquid through the process can be 3-d printed.

In Labrador, they've analyzed the carbon isotopes in 3.95 billion year-old rocks, and found life began sooner than thought.

Hare: first heard about this at the Burbank clubhouse. A porn star was in an experiment, where they took stem cells from her butt and implanted them in her breast, and she now qualifies for an FF bra. Took fat cells and converted them to stem cells.

George: someone developed a home that could be built using 3-d concrete printing.

Scratch: more people are looking into using shipping containers as the basis for homes

We have a second moon, a natural one. It's distance is enough that it's being called a "quasi-moon", sort of the way Pluto is a "quasi-planet." (*Pluto is a REAL PLANET and the fools who declared it otherwise had to go outside the rules of their organization to declare it otherwise.*— ed.) It apparently started out as a small asteroid, some 40 meters across. It orbits between 38 and 100 times the distance between the Earth and the Moon. So it didn't leave us standing alone, without a dream in our heart, without a love of our own.

Remember the scene in The Empire Strikes Back where there's an apparent cave on a big rock that's really, really big and deep, and turns out to be the home of a giant space slug thing Well, the moon has a hole like that. Without the space slug, that is. (At least so far as we know.)

Announcements

Keep your eye on the Laemmle NoHo theater. They're running more fannish stuff, some of which they don't announce until the day before. This week they were showing the documentary Alpha Go, about the AI that plays go, also Thor Ragnarok, and My Friend Dahmer, based on a comic about Jeffrey Dahmer.

Reviews:

Matthew Tepper notes two and a half blocks that way is Iliad Books, open until 10. They're back up to 2 cats.

CLJII: went to Disney Resort Tuesday, the last day it was fixed up for Halloween. They had really relaxed the rule

against adults wearing costumes, any costume not including a face mask was acceptable. There were lots of Disney princess costumes, most worn by women. There were lots of Waldos, and some Supermen (both women).

Matthew Tepper has seen many interesting costumes online. He saw a brief film of a man dressed as Clark Kent, wearing a Superman shirt underneath. This was Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

Eric Hoffman was at a costume event. There were some good original costumes, including a full scale Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle suit. He collapsed because he overheated.

Nick has a follow-up on the pumpkin art contest. The winners were all fannish. The popular choice was the pumpkins done as minions. Other winners include ET, and a group of superhero pumpkins including a green Hulk pumpkin.

Nick notes there are a lot of media things based on comics. One of the streaming channels is doing "The Runaways", based on one of the few comics taking place in Los Angeles. One year the kids find out what the parents are doing in the basement -- human sacrifices to empower supervillain status.

Scratch: got invited to a private costume party, and the four winners of the costume contest, all had body paint with proper engineering covering the naughty bits.

Now we have a journalist inquiry. Because of the recent passing of Jerry Pournelle, journalists are looking for old photos of Jerry. We don't have permission to publish Jerry pix from the website. George McUrso suggested Chaz Baden's archive. Michelle got the request for pix. Matthew has a 1971 vintage photo, the resolution isn't great. Hare may have a photo.

Michelle suggested approaching Roberta and Alex.

Elayne suggested contacting Fanac, because they have all of Bruce's photos.

A bit of amusement: remember the painted door that was donated to the Eaton Collection? it's now a valued art object that they are afraid to transport. Showing it anywhere besides the Eaton collection may require the services of special art movers.

Stephanie asked if it was a matter of the insurance. Nick says worse, it's the fragility of the paint Selina used.

The California Library Association is meeting in Riverside to discuss the Eaton Collection, and no one from the Collection is on the panel.

For next week, Nick promises to review Cal Tech's search engine for astronomical photos.

The Eaton collection is slowly cataloging what they have, but they don't have the money to catalog stuff quickly.

Chaz Baden announced his father passed last year, and his mother can't take care of herself. They've sold the family house, and they have hundreds of paperbacks to sell off, 25¢ each. He has 25 boxes in his car right now.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:19 pm. And the chairs were put away.

Meeting 4187, November 9, 2017 President Nick Smith, presiding Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4187 to order at 8:00 PM.

This is the second meeting at Null Space Labs, which was actually not named in honor of Bob Null.

Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Woody Dodge**. He was in one of the Subaru commercials. Joined the club in the mid 1970s.

The night's **Patron Saint Woody Dodge** was given Three rousing Cheers.

Menace

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Nola bid \$3 to name the **Menace** "The Screaming Mee-mies."

After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was so.

Registrar:

Today, we have guests! Honor Severs - She is a writer and heard about us on the internet.

Brett James. He is from Brooklyn He heard about us online, is interested in books and writing. His occupation is carpenter.

Science Report

Nick reports - Department of good news, bad news. It turned out the global warming is keeping the ozone hole from growing. If the air stops warning, the ozone hole might get larger, and we are not sure what happens if the air heats past a certain point. Ozone hole is at the smallest it has been since the 1980s.

From the department of comic book science - University of Guelph have identified cells postulated in Marvel comics - the Spectacular Spiderman, the cells that would create the lizard Curt Connors are found in geckos. They can regrow spinal cord tissue. They're not available from Geico.

Proxima Centauri. Scientists have noticed that it has two

features that suggest it has a planetary system. Has an asteroid belt and a kuiper belt. We haven't seen anything in between those, and we haven't seen anything, but the stuff might have been swept up by planets which they haven't seen yet. Something is sweeping up the stuff in between them. (*If they find the something they should name it Hoover.*—ed.)

Special Orders of Business

Marty announced - we lost Betty Knight, died age 92. There will be a remembrance. Nov 12, 12 pm-2 pm at Ernie's Mexican Restaurant in North Hollywood. 4410 Lankershim Blvd.

Old Business

Christian Maguire is ineligible for the election, according to the bylaws.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to ruthlessly withdraw Christian Maguire's nomination for the board.

The election is over. 3 out of 4 seats were filled. The board will address the problem of the shortfall. We will get back to you in the near future.

Nick, Elayne, and Rob Powell have returned to the board and will continue their wonderful service to the club.

Announcements

Nick spent time last Friday at Caltech getting training for a search engine for a collection of astronomical images. The photographs will be available for public use. It is only in beta form right now, so the search engine is not fast. They should have it fully operational in a couple of months. Each of these contain technical information about the photo. It also works as a research tool. It is a remarkable tool. astropix.cool

Reviews

CLJII - thanks to Beverly Warren he saw Thor Ragnarok. He enjoyed it quite a bit. Marvel comic style humor slipped into the action scenes.

Nick - they meshed two completely different comic book stories into the one movie. It is a genuine sci-fi movie mixing the legends of the Norse

George - Read Warlock Holmes. Sherlock Holmes mixed with H.P. Lovecraft and Monty Python. The stories have odd twists to them. (But are they as odd as the unearthly angles in the architecture of the Great Old Ones???)

Nick - one of the members of the band My Chemical Romance has become a comic book writer. Is now running an imprint called Young Animal and he is doing science fiction stuff with the company. Cave Carson has a Cybernetic Eye!

Deborah - when the books first came out, She and her son Ben read the Percy Jackson books. The Heroes of Olympus by same author in the same universe. So far,

she has only read the first book, the main characters do not include Percy, but she enjoys it just as much as she enjoys the Percy Jackson books.

Nick - there is a movie online as a demo called Fraktaal. It is a demonstration of a new technology for generating scenery for visuals. (...)

Gavin - I believe your review lasted longer than the thing you're reviewing.

Deborah - Can we honor people on their birthdays? Hedy Lamarr was born on Nov 9th, 1914. (*We would need time travel to go back to November 9th, 1914, Hedley, er, Hedy Lamar's birthday.*—ed) She helped invent technology that would lead to wifi.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:11 pm. And the chairs were put away.

Meeting 4188. November 16, 2017 President Nick Smith, presiding Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4188 to order at 8:00 PM.

This is the third meeting at Null Space Labs, which was actually not named in honor of Bob Null.

Patron Saints

This week's **Patron Saints** are: **Milt Stevens**, **John Trimble**, and **Eylat Poliner**. Each of the night's **Patron Saints** was given Three rousing Cheers.

Menace

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered. George McUrso bid \$2 to name the **Menace** "That's Headly." After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was so.

Registrar Marty:

Today, we have a guest! Jonathan Alvarez.

We had the Committee to Gouge, and then people handed money to Elayne.

Science Report

Party like it's 5995 BC, there's been a find. Wine is older than we always thought. They found fragments of pottery that was decorated with what appear to be grapes, and contained residue of byproducts of European wine grapes. This isn't close to the Chinese record, since by 7 or 8 thousand BC, they had invented the wine cooler. Mixture of grape wine, fruit wine, rice wine, and something else, blended. (Or it was the Chinese equivalent of the mat shot.)

NASA has tested their asteroid early warning system. Right now, if an extinction level asteroid were heading to the earth, all they could do is get neat photographs of it as it came in. With what's under development now, if they could spot it 20 years in advance, they could deflect it, unless it was Sell-by date on life insurance policies is March 2880. An asteroid they're tracking will either hit the earth or make a whooshing sound as it passes through the atmosphere.

They're looking at looking at ways to deflect asteroids, including using another massive object to deflect it gravitationally.

Tom Locke notes a recently discovered planet orbits Ross 218, which is heading toward the earth. In 79,000 years, it will be our nearest star. Ross is a red dwarf, and the planet is in the Goldilocks Zone. It may well be habitable.

Francis Hamit recommends friends for the end of the world.

Special Orders of Business

Francis Hamit rose to speak on behalf of Mike Donahue. Currently has a gofundme page to help him keep his house. He has a \$5000 goal, and is almost there. <https://www.gofundme.com/help-mike-donahue-keep-his-home>

Announcements

Marlowe, the film by Francis Hamit, is making progress. It's also entered in a number of film festivals. There is a Christopher Marlowe Movie Facebook page.

Gavin: Today is Robin McKinley's birthday, and the 75th birthday of Milt Stevens.

Maggie Gyllenhall, who was in The Dark Knight, and Burgess Meredith were born today. (*But if they were born today, did they use a time machine to go back in time for their movie work? As babies? - ed.*)

Today is the last day to register for LOSCON.

The LASFS meeting will be in the New Orleans Room Thursday Night.

George is asking for toys for the toy box donations.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:11 pm. And the chairs were put away.

Meeting 4189. November 23, 2017 Vice President Matthew Tepper, presiding Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling

Vice President Matthew Tepper called LASFS meeting #4189 to order at 8:00 PM.
Patron Saints

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Jim Tanenbaum**.

The night's **Patron Saint** was given Three rousing

Cheers.

Menace

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Nola Frame-Gray bid \$1 to name the menace "Deep Impact".

After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was not so due to lack of a quorum.

George bid \$1 to name the menace "And it's still headly".

Now it is.

Announcements

Gavin announced a convention this weekend at the LAX Marriott. It's called LOSCON.

Gavin announced there will be a theremin playing at the Sherman Oaks branch of Los Angeles Public Library, 12/2, 2:30 PM

Joe Zeff had an appropriate science report. He read on slashdot that the average size of a commercial turkey has more than doubled since 1960. Average was 15.1 lb, now 31 lb.

We moved to not put away the chairs and to adjourn. The motion carried at 9:14 pm. And the chairs were not put away.

Meeting 4190, November 30, 2018 Vice President, Matthew Tepper, Presiding Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4190 to order at 8:00 pm.

Patron Saints

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Frank Gasperik**. He co-wrote at least one science fiction story for one of Jerry's anthologies. Has been gone for ten years now but we are still waiting for the clock with his ashes to show up.

The night's **Patron Saint** was given Three rousing Cheers.

Menace

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Debra bid \$1 to name the **Menace** "Gobble gobble." CLJII - "and the crowd goes mild."

After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was so so.

Guests

Registrar Marty Cantor announced that we have guests.

Mari Dimotakis -is from Redondo Beach. She learned about LASFS from Larry Niven. Lawyer and producer

Committee to Gauge

We have three parking spaces up for auction.
Marcia bid \$25 for the first parking spot.

Karl bid \$15 for the second parking spot.

George bid \$10 for the third parking spot.

Toys for Tots hat was passed around to collect money.

Elayne - started a donation for LASFS to raise \$2500. It is still going and we have currently collected more than \$3500. It is active until December 22nd.

Science Report

Bill Green - he learned about this at LOSCON. We have had a visitor from outer space go through our solar system. The object is peculiar in nature. It is cigar shaped, about ten times as long as it is wide. Rotates in about 7.8 hours. Made of rock or metal. Discovered by Hawaii. They named it 'ou mua mua.

Exoplanets - there is a star called Ross 128 - red dwarf which has a planet in its habitable zone. Most red dwarfs are flare stars. But this planet might be one of the best bets at finding life.

Lightning can make new isotopes. The electric field in the lightning bolt accelerates electrons so fast they can create isotopes.

The people at LIGO has announced a new detection of collision of black holes.

It's the 75th anniversary of the first controlled nuclear chain reaction

Anthropologists have found that women (had better developed upper body) were only the weaker sex only became so after the invention of the mechanical plow.

Scientists at UC Berkeley work backwards on languages to find proto languages

Debra - birthdays of note

Samuel Clemens aka Mark Twain (born on Jonathan Swift's birthday)

Matthew Tepper notes, it is also Churchill's birthday. Churchill wrote an alternate history essay on if the South won the civil war (from the viewpoint where the South won, and the story speculated about what if the north had won)

Special Orders of Business

Randy Byers - fanzine fan. He suffered from glioblastoma. That is a horrible brain tumor. TAFF winner. Corflu, the fanzine fans convention, Became guest of honor. His name was drawn from the hat. At the end, he went to live with his sister in Portland and by his own desire he stopped medication.

Composer Ladislav Kubik - passed on Oct 27. Wrote an opera based on Stanislaw Lem's Solaris. He was 71.

LOSCON awards-

Evans Freehafer Award - for service to the LASFS - Barry Gold.

Forry Award - Greg Bear.

New Business

Gavin read the proposed revisions to the bylaws.

LOSCON Review

CLJII - the main hall was not as crowded as it has been, but attendance was up, so more people were attending programs. Everyone he spoke to seemed to be having a good time.

Only John Hertz complained loudly about having no physical program. It was nice to see Barry Gold do the dance of joy.

Elayne - 906 warm bodies, 1003 total membership.

Nola, the staff at the con was excellent. This is a LOSCON she would like to forget because there were no places to sit and not accessible. Has issues with the program only being available on the smart phone.

Krystal - She was delighted with the writer guest of honor and the beautiful guest of honor tea - Carrie Vaughn. In 1994, Carrie was a student at Occidental and her first convention was LOSCON.

Joe - he mentioned that the program was online only to John Hertz so that he would have time to make arrangements to get a hard copy one way or another.

Marty - you have to provide a hard copy for those who need it, otherwise you making those who cannot access the net to be second class citizens of the con. The idea of going paperless was almost good.

Crystal - It was wonderful convention. The program thing was unuseable down there. Shout out to Ginnie. She brought Turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Elayne - they tore out the repeaters in the hotel

Marsha - suggests emailing the outgoing chairs with concerns or questions

Elayne - chair@loscon.org

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, July 21, 2018, 7 PM
Saturday, August 4, 2018
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 and 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.

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

Nola - wants to know the names of the chairs, incoming and outgoing

CLJII - went on "Star Tours" at Disney and they have a scene from the new movie that is really keen.

We moved to put away the chairs and to adjourn. The motion carried at 9:09 pm. And the chairs were put away.

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 10, 2018
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**PROCEDURAL OFFICER
ELECTIONS,**
for the term of July 2018 through December, 2018

President - Michelle Pincus
Vice President - Matthew B. Tepper
Registrar - Nick Smith & Kristen Gornitz
(tag team)
Scribe - Karl Lembke
Treasurer - Elayne Pelz, Debra Levin
(Treasurer serves for a full year)

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

Members and Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Michelle Pincus, Barry Gold.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 pm. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, June 10, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors at Elayne Pelz' house.

Minutes: The minutes of May 10, 2018 were accepted as presented.

New Members: There was one new application for membership: Jack Heneghan. He paid his \$10 membership fee.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): We have \$812,000 in a savings account.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Gavin Claypool): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): We took in \$54.68, selling 53 drinks and 4 flavor sticks.

Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool): No report.

Archives (Debra Levin): The archives are still in storage.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): We are still looking for one.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Nick Smith): (Unfortunately this was missed as the batteries in my recorder had died without me noticing it. By the time I had reinstalled the batteries, Nick had finished his presentation. Contacted when working on these minutes, Nick had forgotten what he had said.)

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gornitz): Kristen discussed Facebook and YouTube viewing. There was a general discussion of high quality

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on delay or low quality live.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Michelle Pincus): We continue to have meetings - on June 28th we will start the Thursday meeting at 6, eating and talking until 8, holding a short business part of the meeting, and then talk and hold a memorial about June at the end-part of the meeting.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold, Lee Gold): Things are going on as usual.

LOSCON 45 (Christian): LOSCON 45: No report.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Financial Situation:

a. What are our current financial assets. \$812,000 in bank account. Income from dues, equipment rental, donations, LOSCON turnover. Currently we have a shortfall and are bleeding money. We can get better with investing the money. There was a discussion about investing our money Investment committee: Elayne out, Gavin in. It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed unanimously to reappoint the investment committee of Elayne, Marty, and Karl, and adding Gavin to it. It was also Moved, Seconded, and Passed unanimously to authorize the IC to initially invest up to \$750,000 of current club funds for this investment.

b. Why is it important that we do better?

c. How can we better cultivate these assets?

d. Who will be responsible for implementing the Board's decisions?

2. Location situation.

a. What are our choices?

1) Continue to rent space for the weekly meetings and property storage. We are currently renting space at the Null Space Labs for our Thursday meetings and we are renting space for all of our property which are not being stored on member's properties.

2) Lease space for meetings, property storage, and library. If we are to continue renting/leasing it would be nice to have a space large enough for all of our property and to be able to also hold meetings and other affairs at times other than just Thursdays.

3) Buy real estate (vacant lot to build on, or existing structure (including tear-downs).

b. Why do we prefer one choice over the others?

c. How will we pay for our choice?

d. Who will be responsible for implementing the Board's decisions?

There was a discussion about how much per square foot should we look for in a rental - it was decided to look for larger rental space for all of our activities.

3. Other items (if any)

4: We discussed friction between one of our members and the Null Space Lab people.

OPEN FORUM:

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 3:00 pm to 10:00 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.

TAKE-AWAYS:

Our next meeting will be on July 8, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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