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BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am ZOOM (or equivalent) meeting

CALENDAR DETAILS

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

- JUNE 3 – Nomination for procedural president
- JUNE 10 - Procedural officer nominations & elections
- JUNE 17 - No programme at this time.
- JUNE 24 - No programme at this time.

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

Zoom LASFS Meetings are being held by Matthew Tepper while California's "Shelter at Home" rules are in force. Contact susanfox@kryptonradio.com to be sent an invitation.

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**SORRY, DE PROF IS LATE AGAIN!
AND IT IS LATE ENOUGH FOR A DOUBLE ISSUE! *PHOOEY***

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 577/578— May/June, 2021. 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 edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.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.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
JANUARY—JUNE, 2021

President: Matthew B. Tepper. Vice-President: Susan Fox. Registrars: Michelle Pincus and Michelle Dane. Scribe: Karl Lembke Treasurer: (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin.

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Chairman: Karl Lembke (2021). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2021). Vice-Chairman: Nick Smith (2023), Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2022). Other members: Michelle Pincus (2021), Scott Beckstead (2022), Debra Levin (2021), Christian McGuire (2023), Elayne Pelz (2023), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2023), Mike Thorsen (2022). 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 ____

LASFS' *NEW* TEMPORARY MEETING SPACE

LASFS has moved to ON-LINE— temporarily!

I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS.

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 #4304, February 6, 2020
Matthew Tepper, Presiding
Nick Smith, Scribing**

Special Orders of Business:

Today was the birthday of several people involved with SF, and a movie.

The author of note is Eric Flint, was born near here in beautiful downtown Burbank. He got his fiction start by winning the Writers of the Future contest, at the age of 46, and sold his first novel at the age of 50. He has since written or co-written a ton of SF, fantasy and alternate history stories. Averaging a couple of books a year.

This is also the anniversary of the release of an...um... unforgettable science fiction movie. **Zardoz**, starring Sean Connery and directed by John Boorman, who also did **Deliverance**, came out on February 6th, 1974, leaving audiences baffled ever since. Legendary reviewer Roger Ebert said of the film: *Every once in a while, a movie like that comes along; a movie you've got to see so that you, too, can be in the dark about it.*

Most prominent passing of interest to fans is probably Kirk Douglas, who died at the age of 103. While he may be best remembered for things like **Spartacus** or **Gunfight at the O.K. Corral**, he actually did a number of SF and fantasy projects, including **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea**, **Saturn 3**, **The Final Countdown**, an adaptation of **The Odyssey**, and a TV adaptation of **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Mike Glycer, winner of 11 Hugos, seven for File 770 and four for fan writing. Chaired the 1978 Westercon and the 1996 Worldcon. When he was fan GOH at a Deep South Con in 1981, he had to convince people there that the LASFS minutes he wrote were based on real stuff. He and his wife Diana were separately nominated for Hugos in 2008, one of the few times that a couple have been nominated *separately* in the same year. Marty pointed out that File 770 is the major news zine of fandom.

Patron Saint Albert Sheean: Christian said that Albert has done "under the radar" stuff for conventions, like logistics. He has built furniture, is an amateur astronomer and paleontologist. Krystal mentioned that his daughter is also named Crystal.

Patron Saint Frank Waller: He used to cosplay as Harcourt Fenton Mudd. George said that Frank is a "good Joe". Christian mentioned Frank's support service to the club.

Reading of the **Minutes** of the previous meeting: Christian bid \$3 to name the minutes Phredd, based on the suggestion from Albert.

Board reports: The next board meeting will be Sunday, February 9th at 11 am.

Treasurer report: \$1,000 donation from World Fantasy Con.

Registrar: Andrew Heaton, who found us on Google. New to L.A. and curious about local fandom. Hosts an SF podcast called Alienating the Audience.

Committee reports:

The **Committee to Gouge** had a small auction.

LOSCON 47: Scott was here and reported that the price goes up in April, so buy your membership in advance. Gregory Benford, writer GOH, Jeff Sturgeon, artist GOH, Dennis and Christine Cherry as fan GOHs.

Science News:

NASA has finished building the core of the SLS [Space Launch System], which is part of the return to the moon. The star Betelgeuse has always been a bit variable, but is now only half as bright as normal. It is a candidate for nova explosion, but scientists are arguing.

February 18th will be when Mars is occluded by the moon. According to an article in the new issue of **Science** magazine, there may be an actual mechanism that causes forgetting. In tests with mice, scientists have established a link between a type of immune cell called microglia and the loss of traumatic memories. Apparently, if you remove the microglia or stifle their activities, memories stick around longer. Effectively, in a way that is still being investigated, the microglia break the synapse link which stores what makes up a memory. It has not yet been demonstrated in humans, but the brain chemistry is similar enough that it is being investigated.

Also, scientists at Caltech are working on a new form of cancer therapy. Basically, the theory is that most cancer cells can be killed by a form of pulsed ultrasound treatment. The trick is that no form of such treatment is likely to kill ALL of the cancer cells in the treated area, so what they're working on is to have the ultrasound both kill most of the cancer cells and do so in such a way that the body perceives it as an injury, rather than just the natural death of cells. That way, the body would trigger a white blood cell response, which in turn could kill off surviving cancer cells. The project continues at Caltech and City of Hope.

Scott Beckstead announced that Jupiter may have started out as a rocky, terrestrial planet that kept adding stuff. Anton Petrov's website WhatDaMath published this information.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Later this month, Caltech is putting on a set of Ray Bradbury short plays at Ramo Auditorium on the campus. February 21-23 will be "All Summer in a Day," "Marionettes, Inc.," and part of "The Martian Chronicles." The following weekend will be a reprise of "The Martian Chronicles," "A Sound of Thunder," and a staging of "The Flying Machine" that has been translated into Mandarin, with English subtitles. Tickets are \$20. Showtimes are at 7:30 on the Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 on the Sundays.

Christian mentioned the Don S. Hansen memorial exhibit at Gallery 800 on Lankershim. It will be this coming Sunday, deliberately opposite the Oscars.

Hare mentioned that the Roger Dean art exhibit currently in Europe will be coming to the U.S. later this year,

so watch for dates and location.

Matthew mentioned that the deadline for LOSCON bids for 2021 needs to be submitted by February 29th. It need to have a chairperson, treasurer, hotel liaison and weapons policy.

Matthew also mentioned that Harry Potter has now been translated into Yiddish. It is to be published in March. The publisher is in Sweden. (*Yiddish with a Swedish accent?* - ed.)

Fannish Committee Reports:

George mentioned that seeing *Zardoz* will be your only chance to see Sean Connery in a jockstrap, suspenders, and thigh-high boots.

Reviews:

Christian finally watched *Good Omens*, and really enjoyed it, largely for the acting, but they followed the book really well.

Scott reviewed *Picard*, the new series. Slow, but he likes it a lot. October Faction, horror, sort of like Supernatural. Watched two episodes and lost interest. Witcher, he binge-watched the series, and found it excellent.

Michelle reviewed *Ragnarok* on Netflix. Dubbed, from Finland, basically the Norse myths put in a modern setting.

George just finished watching the anime and follow-up film, *Girls und Panzer*.

Miscellaneous:

Warner Brothers studios and their affiliated company DC Comics are doing something apparently unprecedented. For the release of the new Harley Quinn movie, they are actively promoting the idea that people who like a movie should consider reading the source material on which the movie is based. Thus, some of the pre-movie trailers are for the new Harley Quinn graphic novel, and at the Regal Theater chain, thousands of viewers will get a free comic book. If this works, it could lead to, dare I say it, **READING...** (*GASP!!!* *Horriboars!* - ed.)

(As the Scribe did not list a motion to adjourn, it is possible that this meeting is still going on. I hope bathroom breaks have been provided. - ed.)

Meeting #4305, February 13, 2020
President Matthew Tepper, Presiding
Scribe Nick Smith, Scribing

Patron Saint: Craig Miller.

Author of *Star Wars Memories*, telling about his work with LucasFilms, promoting *Star Wars*. Craig co-chaired the 1984 Worldcon. Krystal really likes his book, even though she didn't like *Star Wars*. According to the book, he hired some LASFS people to help with answering fan mail. Larry mentioned that Craig is taking care of his wife, who is recovering from a paralyzing disease.

Reading of the **Minutes** of the previous meeting
Debra bid \$1 to name the minutes Herrmann. Ap-

proved.

Board reports: The next board meeting will be Sunday, March 15th at 11 am.

Treasurer report: "Hell, no!"

Committee reports:

Science News:

Scientists have been examining the flourishes and motions that chefs use in various forms of cooking, and it turns out that they really do matter. After studying pizza tossing and the pan-tilting used in making crepes, they've turned their attention to fried rice. Cooking it at the hottest temperature really does require tossing the rice up into the air repeatedly, in such a way as to move the rice around for when it comes back down. Otherwise, you'd have to reduce the cooking temperature to prevent burning, which changes the taste and texture of the dish. The down side is that cooks who make a lot of fried rice get what appear to be repetitive motion stress injuries in their shoulders.

Also, it appears that bats can harbor viruses that are deadly to other species, but without getting sick themselves. The reason, apparently, is that at least some species of bats have a really impressive immune system that allows them to be infected by viruses without getting sick from them. The problem is that a disease has to be really strong to even exist in a bat, so there's a "survival of the fittest" thing going on with the disease virus strains. That is why diseases like Ebola, Marburg, and the more recent coronaviruses can exist in bat populations without killing off the bats, but be so dangerous to other species, like humans. For obvious reasons, scientists would love to figure out how to get humans to have a similar immunity, but the drawback of housing viral pools with an unknown potential for mutation into something else has been the source of a number of SF and horror novels, and for good reason. (*Of course, if scientists can get humans to acquire similar immunity to viruses which bats have, we will all have to then sleep whilst hanging from tree branches by our toes.* - ed.)

Hare mentioned that he was called back to UCLA to be a guinea pig again. They connected him up to a set of brain and heart-monitoring devices, and asked him questions. He hopes they will tell him more at the end results. (*So you were a guinea pig again, eh? Did they put you in a wheel you would spin to generate electricity for the experiment?* -ed.)

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Announcements:

Mike Thorsen mentioned that we finally have a quorum for the meeting.

Dark Delicacies bookstore, up the street at 822 N. Hollywood Way, is having a signing this Saturday at 4 pm with

actress Sybil Danning. First introduced to most American audiences in the Richard Lester *Three Musketeers* movies, she was in a number of SF and fantasy films, including both *Battle Beyond the Stars* and *Amazon Women on the Moon*, which would make a great double feature.

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Albert mentioned that the Regency Theater in Granada Hills is showing *Casablanca* next Tuesday as part of their retro film program.

Reviews:

Debra reviewed *Picard*, and is enjoying it. Interesting story line that works well visually. Some of the episodes are very dark. Also saw *1917*, and felt that it was a very effective anti-war film. The way it was filmed, as a relatively continuous shot, was very good.

Matthew especially liked the Romulan couple on *Picard*. He also reviewed Andrew Heaton's podcast. Episodes are in two parts, with a discussion of something serious and then a two-person improv. He and his comedy partner are from the style of improv where you work with whatever is thrown at you. From the two episodes that he's heard, the podcast is worth listening to.

Richard reviewed the Science Museum display of the shuttle Endeavor. Very well done, but his congratulations will be held until the shuttle and its external tank will be mounted upright, in a new building. Funding is 4/5 of the way complete.

Krystal added that she had fun with one of the docents, giving her perspective, since she had worked on three of the payloads, and Krystal was able to give the docent physical dimensions.

Hare reviewed *Avenue 5*, a comedy about a cruise in our solar system where something goes wrong. Hugh Laurie is the captain of the ship.

Miscellaneous:

Rob Powell mentioned that Mars 2020 has been shipped to Kennedy Space Center, and is scheduled to launch in July.

Motion to "Marty Cantor" by Albert. After great confusion, it was seconded and amended to be a motion to adjourn and put away chairs.

Meeting #4306, February 20, 2020
Matthew Tepper, Presiding
Nick Smith, Scribing

Special Orders of Business:

Today was the anniversary of the birth of two writers of SF and fantasy: Richard Matheson [author of *I Am Legend* and a host of other stories] and Ardath Mayhar, an extremely prolific fantasy author in the 80s and 90s who also wrote under pseudonyms such as Frank Cannon, Frances Hurst, and John Killdeer. Sadly, much of her work is now out of print.

We lost a computer scientist whose work that everyone who uses a PC has used, even Marty. In fact, I used his work in creating these Special Orders. Larry Tesler worked for Xerox, Apple, Amazon and Yahoo during his career, but the thing for which he is best remembered is figuring out how to implement the Cut, Copy and Paste commands into a graphic interface for word processing.

Patron Saint: Maureen Garrett

Marty mentioned that she did the cover of the first *Holier Than Thou* zine that Marty needed. Nick mentioned how Maureen helped translate fandom for Lucasfilms staff. Christian mentioned the parts of Star Wars Memories that relate.

Reading of the **Minutes** of the previous meeting:

Christian bid \$2 to name the Minutes "A hard night to obtain a quorum."

Board reports: The next board meeting will be Sunday, March 15th at 11 am. The club will have tables at the Paperback show on March 8th. The deadline for submitting bids for LOSCON 48 is February 29th.

Registrar's report:

Report on new guests: Tom Lancaster found us on Meet-Up, literary fan and aspiring writer. Logistics and IT contractor.

Committee reports:

Programs: Medium-sized auction, raising \$41 for the club.

Science News:

Bill reported that there is new research on room temperature superconductors. Lithium hydride is close, at a million atmospheres of pressure. Apparently, metallic hydrogen has been produced in a laboratory, and it is also close.

Apparently, recent advances have made experiments in hydrogen fusion cheaper and smaller, so that private companies are now experimenting with it. Magnetic and inertial confinement is the government's area, but private companies are working with other options.

Scott mentioned that astronomers have found a star moving at 1/10th the speed of light, apparently orbiting around the central black hole at the center of our galaxy.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Dark Delicacies bookstore, up the street at 822 N. Hollywood Way, is not having any special events this weekend, but on the 29th at 4 pm is a signing for a documentary and a book about the Roger Corman Fantastic Four film.

This weekend and next, Caltech is putting on a set of Ray Bradbury short plays at Ramo Auditorium on the campus. February 21-23 will be "All Summer in a Day," "Marionettes, Inc.," and part of "The Martian Chronicles." The following weekend will be a reprise of "The Martian Chronicles," "A Sound of Thunder," and a staging of "The Flying Machine" that has been translated into Mandarin, with English subtitles. Tickets are \$20. Showtimes are at 7:30 on the Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 on the Sundays.

Gavin announced that Saturday, September 13th will be The Princess Bride, in concert, at The Hollywood Bowl.

CLJ II announced that the new Blu-Ray release of The Phantom Creeps, with Bela Lugosi, is coming out with special features including an interview with CLJ II himself. Also at Disneyland, he tried out the new Star Wars rides. Rise of the Resistance isn't feasible, but the other one doesn't always have huge lines.

Reviews:

Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist is about an accident giving the character the power to her songs related to the thoughts of the person she's looking at. Hare thought it was good.

Scott reviewed an episode of The Orville. Near the end of the second season, and it includes a space battle orchestrated to Dolly Parton's "Nine to Five."

CLJ II mentioned that Mad About You is an actual sequel to the original series, and is good so far. Most of the original cast has returned.

Michelle reviewed Gallifrey One. They gave LASFS a great table to promote LOSCON. Con ops did a great job on keeping things running. Michelle also reviewed the *Birds of Prey* movie a great deal.

Eric reviewed *Picard*, and said that it's moving slowly, but it is very good so far.

George reviewed *Scooby Doo, Mystery Inc.* He felt that it offered actual characterization, stories of redemption and forgiveness, and has an actual beginning, middle and end with its 52 episodes. It's on Netflix right now.

Miscellaneous: None.

We **adjourned** at 9:04 pm.

Meeting #4307, February 27, 2020
Matthew Tepper, Presiding
Nick Smith: Scribing

Special Orders of Business:

It is the anniversary of the birth of writer **James Churchward**, whose pseudo-science books about lost continents directly inspired stories by H. P. Lovecraft, Philip K. Dick and Daniel Pinkwater, among others.

Of birthdays, the other one of note is that of **T.A. Waters**, whose career included being a magician, being an author both of books about magic and of fantasy stories, and of being a character in other people's stories. He's in the Lord Darcy stories by Randall Garrett as "Sir Thomas Leseaux," and in Michael Kurland's *The Unicorn Girl* as "Tom Waters."

We note the passing of writer and artist Nick Cuti. From the 1970s until just recently, he worked in writing or illustrating for comics, books, animation, novels based on his own comics creations, and just about anything else. He worked at Warren as a writer and editor during Forry's years there. At one point he decided to illustrate for books and magazines, and studied the works of a fellow named Frank Kelly Freas to figure out how to do that. His illustrations appeared in *Analog*, *Amazing Stories* and *Heavy Metal*.

We also note the passing of a prolific writer of alternate history and SF stories that were overlooked by fans because they were marketed as mainstream thriller novels. Clive Cussler died at the age of 88, and three of his adventure series took place in an alternate world in which Atlantis was established as being historical fact and characters used technology that would have made the Mission Impossible agents drool. He also blurred the boundaries of real and fictional life by appearing as a character in several of his own books, and by having one of his series be about a secret agency related to his real-world underwater archeology organization.

Also, we lost a woman of note, at the age of 101.

Katherine Johnson, one of the women portrayed in the film *Hidden Figures*. In her home town, African Americans were not given public education past 8th grade, so her family got her transferred to a high school in another county. She graduated high school at the age of 14, and graduated college *summa cum laude* at the age of 18, in 1937. She was one of the first African American students, and only woman among that small number, admitted to West Virginia University's grad school, after court decisions told them to put up or shut up on the "separate but equal" doctrine. She left grad school when pregnant with her first child, and the events in *Hidden Figures* take place more than fifteen years after that. She spent five years working for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the predecessor of NASA. So, there was a lot that the movie left out. What the movie did tell, correctly, was that she was a math whiz who could analyze orbital data faster than almost anyone, and that the astronauts came to rely on her numbers. She co-authored over 20 scientific papers, and continued with NASA in the Spacecraft Controls Branch, finally retiring in 1986.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Bill Ellern, occasional author, longtime fan. Debra mentioned that he is a kind person who always shows people how much he cares about them. He bid heavily for things at LASFS auctions over the years, often in support of his now late-wife's collecting.

Patron Saint Marjii Ellers, longtime costumer who devoted many hours of volunteer time to LASFS. Hare

mentioned that her attitude, even when seriously sick with cancer. When she was fan GOH at LOSCON, she brought in a 10-lb slab of chocolate each day. Jenni mentioned that she sometimes dressed as male for dances, so that we would have more "men" dancing.

Reading of the **Minutes** of the previous meeting
Scott bid something \$1 to name the **Minutes**
Hidden Figures

Board reports: The next board meeting will be Sunday, March 15th at 11 am.

Registrar report: six guests.
Harry found us on Meetup, likes SF and fantasy, student and aspiring writer
Marissa here on recommendation of a friend, occupation homemaker.

Simon here on recommendation of a friend, wants to learn more about LASFS, literary fan and scientist.
Dennis interested in all areas of SF, likes games and comics, also scientist.

John, learned about us in a book about things to do in Los Angeles. Real world occupation is visual effects.
Michael, learned about us from a friend. Interested in all areas of SF, occupation creative director.
Treasurer report: \$2500 donation from Gallifrey One.
Board reports: LOSCON bids due on February 29th. Next board meeting on March 15th. We will be participating in the Paperback Show on March 8th in Glendale.

Committee reports:
LOSCON 47—Putting the Science in Science Fiction.
Scott reported on the invited guests of honor, and explained the convention's structure to our guests for the evening.

Science News:
Bill mentioned that Betelgeuse is getting its brightness back, at least slightly. New fossils have been found in central Asia, Neanderthals that are genetically identical to ones in Europe. New telescope, 4-meter mirror, is entering operation. The meteor crater found in Australia in 2007 is 70km wide, and over 2 billion years old.
Scott mentioned that radio signals are coming from both Io and Jupiter, and it's due to an odd combination of volcanic effects. They are using this odd thing to detect exoplanets, because it's a sort of resonance effects.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Geeky Teas, at 2210 W. Magnolia here in Burbank, is adding a lot of fannish events to their calendar. In addition to selling teas with names that are fannish puns and staging fannish game events, they are having a crafts fair on March 7th, specifically for fans of TV shows, books and movies with the theme of monster-hunting. It starts at 12 noon.

Dark Delicacies bookstore, up the street at 822 N. Hollywood Way, is having a signing this Saturday at 4 pm with author Mark Sikes & storyboard artist Pete Von Sholly. They will be signing the DVD *Doomed*, and the book *The Doomed Journal*, both about the Roger Corman version of *The Fantastic Four*.

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OuterRimCon is Saturday in Downey, aerospace history event, \$20, Arlene Busby is the chair

Reviews:
Subnautica video game reviewed by Ben. It's a couple of years old, and it gets the environment across very well, very atmospheric. It was created by a small team, so it has a few technical issues, but it could break your immersion when sea grass doesn't render correctly, or fish swim through into air. It also doesn't always give information on what to do next.

Hare reviewed *Tolkien*, the movie about Tolkien's teen and college years, and about the friends he had in his student days, before World War I and the Inklings days.
Lynn brought his girlfriend, whose daughter said to say hi to the nerds. Reviews the Eric Flint series 1632. Still great writing, but the world building is becoming unwieldy. Space Command on YouTube has bad costuming.
Matthew explained the 1632 series a bit. After setting things up, Flint opened it up to other authors to create a shared universe.

Miscellaneous:
2019 Nebula Award Finalists have been announced.
Novel

Marque of Caine, Charles E. Gannon (Baen)

The Ten Thousand Doors of January, Alix E. Harrow (Redhook; Orbit UK)

A Memory Called Empire, Arkady Martine (Tor)

Gods of Jade and Shadow, Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Del Rey; Jo Fletcher)

Gideon the Ninth, Tamsyn Muir (Tor.com Publishing)

A Song for a New Day, Sarah Pinsker (Berkley)

March , 2021 Board Minutes (Zoom meeting)

Board Members: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Nick Smith, Elayne Pelz, Debra Levin, Rob (Gizmo) Powell, Christian McGuire, Scott Beckstead, and Michelle Pincus. Absent: Mike

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Note: We (LAFAs) are complying with California's "stay safe at home" order. LAFAs will be held via Zoom until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

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

Thorsen, Gavin Claypool came in late but did not contribute to the meeting.

Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Barry Gold, Susan Rothman, Eylat Poliner, Tom Safer,

Call to order: Happy Ides of March Eve event. The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes were sent to the BoD members last week. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes.

New Members:
Brent Gaisford. Filled out an Application for Membership but no membership fee listed on form. Elayne said the \$10 membership was paid. His membership was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

30 Second Reports (Board members):

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): Journalist interview was published and mentioned in local newspapers.

Secretary, Publications (Marty Cantor, Barry Gold): Better minutes because recording Zoom meeting in Zoom rather than my small recorder which does not record my computer speakers well. We did have a discussion about recording meetings for people to listen to later and also have people listen to meetings on-line.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Arrived late, no report

given.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Not here.

Library/Archives (Gavin Claypool, Debra Levin): Debra had nothing new in the library.

Physical Plant/AV Equipment (Elayne Pelz, Robert Powell): No reports by either.

Events (Christian McGuire, Scott Beckstead): Announced for bids for 2022. Christian says the new Marriott sales director called. Scott reported on LOSCON 47 meeting and says that things look good about having an in person con. There was a discussion about vaccination and mask requirements. The general and current consensus is that vaccination certificates and masks will be required.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): Still recruiting for our YouTube panel.

(Significant Others):

Club President (Matthew Tepper): The meeting string is still unbroken.

Webmaster (Barry Gold): Latest ish of *DE PROF* and new the by-laws are on the web site.

Agenda Items:

1. **Building Search:** Nothing to date.
2. **LOSCON 48 bids:**

Nick Smith: Chair
Elayne Pelz: Treasurer
Hotel Liaison: Jason Justice
Webmaster: Kristine Cherry

Nick Wants to have the committee help in finding a fan GoH.

There was a motion to accept the bid - it was seconded and passed.

Open Forum:

Take Aways:

Adjournment: 11:36 am.

Next meeting is April 11, 2021.

May 9, being Mother's Day, we will probably not have a meeting.

**WILL THOSE WHO TOOK THE MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN GIVEN TO ME PLEASE DO SO ASAP?
THANK YOU!**

**THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES
HAVE YET TO BE GIVEN TO ME!**

Meeting #4273, July 4, 2020

Meeting #4308, March 5, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4309, March 12, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4310, March 19, 2020
Meeting #4315, April 23, 2020
Meeting #4316, April 30, 2020
Meeting #4317, May 7, 2020
Meeting #4318, May 14, 2020
Meeting #4319, May 21, 2020
Meeting #4320, May 28, 2020
Meeting #4321, June 4, 2020
Meeting #4322, June 11, 2020
Meeting #4323, June 18, 2020
Meeting #4324, June 25, 2020
Meeting #1425, July 2, 2020
Meeting #4326, July 9, 2020

Meeting #4327, July 16, 2020
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Meeting #4328, July 23, 2020
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Meeting #4329, July 30, 2020
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Meeting #4330, August 6, 2020
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Meeting #4331, August, 13, 2020
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Meeting #4332, August, 20, 2020
Meeting #4333, August 27, 2020

Meeting #4334, September 3, 2020
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Meeting #4335, September 10, 2020
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Meeting #4336, September 17, 2020
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Meeting #4337, September 24, 2020
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Meeting #4338, October 1, 2020
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BOARD GAMING MEETUP

The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights when LASFS owned its own clubhouse, 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.

**FOR THE DURATION
OF THE
SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDER
THERE WILL BE NO
BOARD GAMING
AT**

PAPER HERO'S GAMES
But I am gaming in my carport -
limit 4 gamers. Contact
Marty Cantor for details as we
sometimes have openings.

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**LASFS
DIRECTORY**

The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
upon request:
xl spreadsheet, or
pdf

For those without on-line
or printer access
Elayne will provide a printed copy upon request
for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

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LURKS IN THE MINDS OF FEN?**

The fannish autobiography of
Phil Castora
edited and pubbed by Marty Cantor
pdf file available at
<http://efanzines.com/Castora/index.htm>
paper copies from Marty Cantor for \$5.00

**LASFS MEETINGS -
WE NOW MEET IN OUR NEW
VENUE EVERY THURSDAY**

**OUR NEW MEETING HAPPENS
TO BE
ON
ZOOM**

See details on page 1.

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