



March, 2004

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28 FWEMS 1:00 p.m.	29	30	31			

**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
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start 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
 FWEMS - St. Patrick Day's Salute to Dirty Harry

THURSDAY

PROGRAMME ITEMS

MARCH 4- No program designated at press time
MARCH 11 - No program designated at press time
MARCH 18 - No program designated at press time
MARCH 25 - No program designated at press time

LALA CON 10

May 1 & 2, 2004

COLOPHON

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Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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.

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LALA CON 10

May 1 & 2, 2004
at the LASFS' clubhouse

Writer GoH - TBA
Fan GoH - Elizabeth Klien-Lebbink
Artist GoH - Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason

limited to 150 attendees

Pre-Support - \$15.43
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Saturday and Sunday events
(*see schedule on page 10*)

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA -L and are filed in the archives)

Meeting #3464, January 1, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lemke, Scribe

Meeting number 3464 came to order at 20:10:45. Our brand new president had but one request: "It's my first time, so please be gentle." And there was much joviality.

The Menace were read and approved as "Anaheim, Azusa, and Cuc-".

The Registrar: announced that we have no guests.

Tonight's Patron Saints: Dan Alderson, a gentleman about whom the president has heard much, but unfortunately never met. Joe Zeff: Of many things I can say, it was well known at JPL that if you found him at his desk in the morning, he'd been there all night. Also, he and his friends liked to get in a car and "drive around the block." They would pick blocks that were built like mazes. Scratch: Dan had a wicked sense of humor and a mathematical mind that came up with the patterns we use to figure out Gift Exchange pattern and order. And he did this kind of thing for fun. Phil Castora: He once scored 150 on an IQ test, and he's responsible for TRAM (Trajectory Monitor), the program that guides space craft, and he invented bihyperklix numbers. He was also kind and gentle. In 69 years, Phil has known a lot of people, and he's up near the top.

Ed Green: He may be the member of LASFS who's appeared in the most works. He's certainly in the top five. References to the Alderson Drive in Jerry Pournelle's books are to his work. CLJII: One of the earliest places where he appears in someone's works is in various film projects. He was scientific advisor for several authors, and an important scientist at JPL. Dan helped show that the asteroid belt is actually penetrable. Tepper: Someone once heard of a self-deprecation contest, and decided Dan would be a perfect entry. On being told this, he said, "Weep wail, I'd probably lose."

Zeff: reality correction: Dan was the person who came up with idea of self-deprecation contest. "But of course, I'd lose." This almost caused Phil Castora to lose control of his car. Fred Patten: he claimed to be the only official Wibblefabwibda, the top of the wib hierarchy. And, he gave us money. He was given Three Cheers, and weep wail!

Joe Zeff: He has been one of those most welcoming to Vanessa and the President. He has lots to contribute to meetings, and it's usually valuable. Tom Safer: He's a constant fan of his shows, and has been helpful in putting a number of them together. He has a good mind, and is always friendly and fun to be with. Phil Castora has found Joe to be not only a good friend and true, but a good person to be with, a good conversationalist, and speaks both knowledgeably and intelligently on many subjects.

CLJII: Joe has very good taste in movies, and comes to see pretty much whatever the Sunday fare may be. And he's a wiz of a Wiz. Matthew Tepper: Joe often has enlightened us with stories of computer users too stupid to live. As someone who deals with a whole company of such, he finds them amusing. Karl Lembke mentioned that he was Dan Alderson's caretaker and seeing-eye-person for many years.

Ed Hooper: Joe is not a friend of Bill of Redmond. Mike Thorsen: He has a talent for playing games of all sorts, is a good player and a good GM, and has an almost perverse glee in introducing obscure references. Scratch teaches D&D, and has used Joe Zeff as a reference point and a humor point, and he's always supplying Scratch with warped material. Joe Zeff was given Three Cheers, and a great pair of sideburns.

Committee to Gouge: welcomed back Ed Green as a member of its staff.

Old Business: None!

– amonga!

New business: Three items.

1) Moved! That the Treasurer, or such person as she may authorize, purchase a gavel for the use of the President and the Chairman of the Board of Directors in their attempts to bring meetings to order. Upon presentation of a pair of gavels, it was moved to table the motion until we run out of gavels. A friendly amendment was made to put the motion under the table until such time as it's no longer relevant. It was under-tabled.

2) Be it resolved that Ed Green be impeached from his current position as ex-LASFS President for dereliction, malpractice, actus reus, wrongdoing, malversation, transgression, malfeasance, misfeasance, and feausance under glass. Specifically, let it be known that on Thursday, December 25, 2003, with blatant disregard and pretermission of Article IV, Section 4 of the LASFS Bylaws, Mr. Green (Spelled G-R-E-E-N) failed to perform the duties of his office, by not showing up, thus not allowing the LASFS a last chance to harass him in his capacity as president. The emotional duress brought about by this act of selfishness cannot possibly be overstated, and as such, we, the undersigned, do bring these charges.

It was seconded by Ed green, and passed without dissent.

3) A bit of old business, in that it was conducted last night. It's the prerogative of any president to issue pardons at the end of his term. Among the pardons, included a full pardon for all crimes committed by Ed Green during his last six terms as President.

Committee Reports: Liz, having laryngitis, had the President tell the club to pay Liz, but give her no lip. The window for Yearly Dues is now open, and runs for a few weeks.

Miscellaneous: Ted: Wacky German Science... Germany has a new energy resource. Used incontinence pads can be used for energy, and one fellow looks to buy used pads from a nursing home. Does it work? "Depends." – Pres.

Jeff announced, "Seattle says hi!"

The meeting adjourned at 21:07:12, as the President survives his first attempt at running a meeting.

*Meeting #3465, January 8, 2004
George Van Wagner, President*

ESTROGEN ZONE

Scrapbooking classes and workshops

If you have scrapbooked before, please bring your supplies and come and sit and talk as the rest work on their projects.

Rebecca will be glad to help anybody who has not done this get started.

Questions? Call Rebecca at: (310) 710-3291

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Beneath the watchful eyes of Big Brother, Meeting number 3465 came to order at 20:10:46.

Special Orders of Business: One brought to Charlie's attention. Stephen Hawking's birthday.

The Menace were read and approved as "...amonga!".

The Registrar: announced no new guests!

Tonight's Patron Saint: The President led the praise for **Patron Saint Bruce Pelz**, "One I actually met and knew for all too short a time." (As did we all – Karl) Larry Niven: He was the core of sf fandom here and across the country. He was SMOF #2. Karen Anderson: He was the most erudite fan she ever knew. She knew him from 50s from APAs, and spent all too little time in his company. She'd hoped to get to know him better when she moved down here. NESFA's new edition of Silverlock, to be published next month, will include the music he put songs to. When Bruce was here selling books, he pointed Joe Zeff to series of mysteries it would never have occurred to him to look at. He was a collector of collections. He collected ribbons on conventions. He'd been at a con with "The Ribbon Bruce Will Not Get." He got one.

CLJII: He was not a man to do things by half measures. He was the fellow who told him it was important, when going on a trip, take vacation time afterward so you can recover. Ben Massoglia says he is very honored to have earned Bruce's respect. Bruce considered children the larval form of something that might be worth keeping, and Ben and his sister are proud to have been regarded as more than a waste of oxygen. Hare Hobbs: He had a big laugh, but sometimes when he was talking with someone, a mischievous grin would creep over his face. You knew something was coming up.

Jerry Pournelle recalls that Bruce was fairly proud of having won the Silver Beaver Award in the Boy Scouts, which is a difficult thing to get. Secondly, Heinlein novel – at the time he wrote it, he'd just been defeated for the Democratic party nomination for the Assembly,

having run on the ham and eggs Upton Sinclair ticket. His odyssey from socialism to Starship Troopers is quite a trek. There is a piece of paper in which Heinlein and Hubbard were to share the revenues from the book. Never notarized, but it's still out there. They thought the book had been burned. Bruce Pelz was given Three Cheers, and ka-ching, many times over.

Time Bound Announcements: Larry Niven announced that Marilyn went in for knee replacement. She's back, and now has feeling in her leg, to her relief. The new knee seems to be working. Note: Send a card. Did so, but was unable to find one that was fuzzy and pink.

Francis Hamit announced his blog, the Fight for Copyright. Anyone who can click in and link to it, please help build up the count. There should be lots of interesting copyright info: forwriters.org/thefightforcopyright/ Or do a name search on Francis Hamit.

Time-Bound Announcements: The President announced the Board Meeting this Sunday, followed by Second Sunday festivities.

Reviews: Rick Foss reviewed Quicksilver by Neil Stephenson, calling it a slog. This is the first part of a trilogy, or maybe the first three tenths of a dekalogy. Problem #1: Stephenson researched the book exhaustively, and wants to share it **all** with the reader. It's a delightful read, the dialog is sparkling, and at the end of the book, you'll know all kinds of stuff you'll never ever **ever ever** need to know.

Hare Hobbs read *For Us the Living*, the Heinlein novel. Spider Robertson mentioned in the foreword that Heinlein didn't consider it a novel. It was a framework for him to communicate his philosophy. For those of us who know it, it's boring. It's his ramblings about how he felt put around a small plotline.

Doug Crepeau reviewed *The Underground History of American Education* by John Taylor Gatto, a former Teacher of the Year. This confirms the suspicions you may have had that school was built to dumb people down. May be one of the most important books you read this year. Lots of reviews on the web.

Karen Anderson had a counter-opinion. Heinlein's novel is a very inept novel if you think of it as a novel, but pretty good if you think of it as a utopia. It's more interesting than Bellamy, on which Karen cut her teeth. You can see the ideas Heinlein was working on before he started selling SF.

Jerry Pournelle notes that at the time Heinlein wrote it, he'd just been defeated for the Democratic party nomination for the Assembly, having run on the ham and eggs Upton Sinclair ticket. His odyssey from socialism to Starship Troopers is quite a trek. There is a piece of paper in which Heinlein and Hubbard agreed to share the revenues from the book. It was never notarized, but it's still out there. They thought all copies of the book had been burned. And had Virginia been consulted, this copy would have, as well.

Richard Costas reviewed Mars. He went to Pasadena Mars Fest, and was in there biting nails with everyone else while the lander was de-

cing to transmit. They finally found a hole in the Mars Perimeter Defense System. It was a wonderful landing, and everyone was happy with what they saw.

George Van Wagner did not get to Pasadena, but he and Vanessa were able to watch on Nasa TV. Francis: The imaging you're seeing is part of a long path of development going back to the late 50s, entirely financed by the DoD.

CLJII: There is no truth to rumor that we're going to mars because Bush was sent a copy of "The Purple Monster Strikes".

Miscellaneous: Doug had an old report. nuoi.org – National Union of Idiots has organized.

Another person who was in Pasadena noted that many SF notables were there, including Bradbury, Brin, Bear, etc.

Bill Ellern handed out a bunch of notices to people who helped make Loscon the event it was are invited to a party. Don't worry about bringing wives or girlfriends unless you have both. You may also bring strays. 1/31, food and drink will be provided. If you must bring something, bring finger food or drink that you can share with those in attendance. Come one, come all.

Larry Niven showed off a book cover and said, "June".

The meeting adjourned at 21:12:24.

Meeting #3466, January 15, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting number 3466 came to order at 20:09:34.

Special Orders of Business: Sadly, we have one. Ben Massoglia announced the death of Jeff Stone, husband of Sue Stone, formerly of the Bay Area. Sue is staying with some friends in Seattle, and there will be a memorial on Sunday. Sue is a member of the club, and Jeff was a fan of long standing. A brief moment of silence was held. The Scribe was directed to send a card.

The Menace were read and approved as "not what Tepper said".

The Registrar: Mr. Massoglia announced we have guests. They're sprouting up like good mushrooms. Daniel Molitor – Patty De-Quaker, both from the Museum of Science Fiction. Also, Deborah Van Sandt and Jamie St. Anthony.

Tonight's Patron Saint: Jeff Siegel: Leigh Strother Vien: Jeff showed up as a high school student in the 70s, and then into Air Force, then AF prep school, then AF academy. His specialty was c3/c4, and he's always been a nice guy. Jerry Pournelle: He was Alex's best friend while they were in high school. He didn't quite take early retirement from the Air Force, but he entered seminary, and was ordained as a Lutheran minister. He had already taken the all the courses required to be ordained a Methodist, but then he married a

Lutheran. He was a member of the Brat Pack. Patten: In a sense, he was sort of responsible for Japanimation fandom. When first giant robot cartoon started showing in 76, Mark Merlino was recording episodes and showing them at club meetings. Jeff commented that it was too bad the only chance he had to see them was when Merlino could steal time on a TV. This led to the start of the first animation club.

Matthew Tepper: With background in RPG and as an ordained minister, he combines D&D with a DD. And of course, he gave us money, and he's a nice guy! Three Cheers, and as many Ds as he wants.

Committee to Gouge: pulled out a Woody and a vibrating ball...

Committee Reports: Brother Thorsen collected for the Spire. This is the first month of the year. It's time to reflect on people, events, and places of last year. The Fugghead of the Year contest is officially open. Nomination requires \$1. Votes are 1¢ each, and 2¢ for each negative vote. The contest will end in April sometime.

Christian announced the committee to piss off Liz. Time for your 1¢ annual donation.

Cathy Beckstead segued into an announcement of Gallifrey 15, upcoming. \$45 at the door for 4 days of fun. There will be guests, and other fun stuff.

George added that the library needs volunteers more than Mars needs women. Matthew Tepper offered to be defined as Mars.

Time-Bound Announcements: Marty Cantor has two one-bedroom apartments for rent, \$710 each. 1.5 miles north of here. See Marty now.

Michael Sheffield: Blood drive at Gallifrey.

Bill Ellern: Tomorrow at 4 PM, there'll be a signing at Vromans – some gentleman named Andy Siracus. will be signing a book called "Gollum". Well, he did provide the voice...

Lafa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing -
Saturday, March 27, 2004
Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:30 PM: VIP Harbor Seafood Restaurant (Chinese cuisine, including dim sum)

Brandyhall: Lee and Barry Gold, hosts
3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA
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PRE-FILK DINNER: 5:30 PM at VIP Harbor Seafood Restaurant. 11701 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles

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

Brandyhall is located southwest of the intersection of the San Diego (I-405) and Santa Monica (I-10) Freeways.

FILK STYLE: Poker Chip (Non-Topological) Bardic Circle, or Chaos

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

MBT: Retro Hugos for 1953 will be awarded at this year's worldcon. There are helpful PDF files appearing on the web summing up SF as it was available that year. A LASFS connection – Kelly Freas was very active as a cover artist. If you're a member of the con, you're entitled to nominate for the retro. The cut-off is 1/31.

Reviews: Rick Foss reviewed some books: One of them is an alternate history by Harry Turtledove – *In the Presence of Mine Enemies*. What would have happened if the Germans had won WWII – from the point of view of the Jewish underground in Berlin, 2003, under a crumbling Nazi dictatorship. Very good. || Also, by Ron Guldard, *Groucho Marx, Secret Agent*. At the time the film career started going south, Groucho started working as a detective. He gives Marx some extremely funny lines. It's not a brilliant mystery, but it's fun watching Marx and his sidekick try to figure out who dun it.

Ed Green followed up with more review of *In the Presence of Mine Enemies* .. (it's 2010 – a minor point). This tracks history in our timeline, and there are parallels between the Nazi fall and the Yeltzin revolt. Harry does not rub our noses in the Nazi atrocities. Instead, he lets reader taste the fear of those who are hiding every time they make the smallest mistake. It is a stand-alone novel. Get it as soon as you can. Recommend it for a Hugo.

Mark Poliner reviewed a five volume collection of Philip Dick short stories. If you want to revisit them, or missed them, track this book down. The Hunt for Zero Point – either SF or nonfiction, depending on how you squint at it. Among the book's claims, antigravity is on way.

Fannish Committee Reports: Mark Poliner reported on a Stupid College Prank: three men streaking through a restaurant watched in horror as someone drove off with their getaway car. They huddled in the parking lot in 7 degree weather until the police came.

Some women from a Romanian village have lodged a complaint against a barmaid they claim has bewitched their husbands. They spend too much time at the bar. Says she, "It's not my fault I'm attractive". Only I think she said it in Romanian.

Surrealism: The family of a man who died went to the funeral home to make arrangements for the service, and found his dog waiting outside. He had bolted after the master's death, and they hadn't had time to look for him.

Dan: Chaz appears in Playboy this month. In print. He's being cited as the foremost authority on jello shots.

Mike Donahue: The President has announced plan for space exploration. Robot probes are to go to the Moon so people arriving there will know what to expect. (*Robot traffic jams? – ed.*)

<SAGE BREAK>JP sounded off for a time on the space program.</SAGE BREAK>

How to get back to the moon: pass a law directing that the first com-

pany to place 31 people on the moon, and keep them there alive and well for three years and one day, will be awarded a prize of \$21 billion dollars.

The meeting adjourned at 21:31:34.

Meeting #3467, January 22, 2004

George Van Wagner, President

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting number 3467 came to order at 20:10:23, and 20:10:41.

Special Orders of Business: One this evening, the passing of SF/fantasy/horror writer Jack Cady, winner of many awards. Just passed Wednesday from bladder cancer. "The Night they Buried Road Dog" was a Nebula runner-up.

Some more promising notes: Kelly Freas has had surgery, he's in West Hills Hospital. And he's lonely.

Bjo Trimble says, thanx to all who sent good wishes and prayers on John's heart attack. It was caught early enough, and his prognosis is good. (*I hope that his heart is as good as his prognosis. – ed.*)

The Menace were read and approved as "the little Woody in Ed Green's hand".

The Registrar: Michelle took the stage to announce that we have no guests.

Tonight's Patron Saint: Len Moffatt sent some material on **Rick Sneary**. They will be read into the Menace, and presumably given to the club Hagiographer. Ed Green added that Rick was possibly one of the friendliest of his time. He was willing to talk to almost anyone about anything. Phil Castora echoed Ed's remarks. Rick Sneary was given Three Cheers, and a tyop ...

Second Saint: Gail Selinger, whom the president knows very little about. Green: joined in early 70s, and started off by hooking up with Frank Gasperik. She came out from NY as a teacher, and is a nice lady. Phil Castora was having some problems and Frank and Gail took him in quite a few years ago. She's a wonderful person.

Rick Foss stated, she's very knowledgeable about art and history, and can talk thereon endlessly. JP notes that she is still on the Nivens' party list. Matthew Tepper notes that she is a published author of romance novels. (Leigh said the same) She was given Three Cheers, and the return of her cat, Zorro

Committee Reports: Ed Green had two things: One was the collection plate. The Spire Project only needs about \$1000. First week's Fugghead contest results were announced, not including whatever travesties had been inflicted this week.

George announced that the Library needs volunteers, and Liz needs you to pay yearly dues.

Reviews: Rick Foss reviewed a mystery. Now he's read one that's brilliantly but bizarrely plotted. It's set among aliens that have incomprehensible motivations – the French. The Fairy Gun-Mother.

It's about little old ladies who terrorize Colorado Blvd. France. Beautiful writing by Daniel Pennac. Very fun and funny book.

Ed Green: It is not in best taste to review a wedding, but when has that stopped us before? The Pianist, though, performed quite well at the wedding. John deChancie did a fine job playing all the tunes you'd expect at a wedding, and a couple no one expected, such as the Princess Leia theme from Star Wars. Princess Leia theme was played during the processional. The Recessional featured the throne room theme.

Fannish Committee Reports: Rick Foss had a stupid crook report. Two abandoned their attempt to hold up a 7-11 after arguing over their note. (Is that gun, or gub?) Also, from the Restaurant Association News: In Russia, they are trying to clean up streets and lower level of hooliganism. They had a guns for Burger King coupons exchange, and got some guns!

Phil Castora announced that Fugghead is not a euphemism, it originates from the British word for Fog. (Though, granted, during the Industrial Revolution, British fog got pretty dirty.)

George Van Wagner notes that Jean Claude du Puerval was tried in absentia after fleeing Haiti. He'd been working as a tour-boat operator at Disneyland. He's in custody facing deportation. Another item was a brief headline: "Florida May Need Disabled Voting Machines."

Miscellaneous: Phil Castora: Anyone collecting Campbells soup labels? He has some.

Tom Safer has had the pleasure of singing with Angeles Chorale, in Bach's Mass in B Minor. It's one of the most moving pieces ever involved in, and one of the most challenging.

Matthew Tepper followed with another musical note: The past Saturday, he was at a concert at Disney Hall. It's a glorious and beautiful venue for 3 weeks of Berlioz.

Jason: The Cirque du Soleil's performance is incredible. Go see it.

The meeting adjourned at 21:10:37.

*Meeting #3468, January 29, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Supposing we had to start this at some point, the President called meeting number 3468 to order at 20:11:20.

The Menace were read and approved as "a deluge of ping pong balls".

The Registrar: Ben Massoglia announced that we have no guests.

Tonight's Patron Saints: 1) **Mike Luwish**, whose principle fan seems to have been donating money to the LASFS. MBT: He bought sainthood for his father, Emil. Ben: Funny, he doesn't look Luwish. Mike Luwish was given Three Cheers, and history

2) **Gary Louie**. Hare: He seems to have showed up and instantly gotten involved doing things. They both tended to race through the

building, and were sure they were going to collide one day. When Hare started volunteering at Loscon, he'd go to the art show to help. Gary would be very good at spotting when Hare zoned out and getting him started again. Christian: He had a childlike sense of fun, and collected and played with Legos. Gary did not live to see Legoland open. Last time Christian went to Disneyland, he went with Gary. It was wonderful to go through the park with him, because his childlike enjoyment was contagious. Ed Green: There's a saying - if you want to know what kind of impression you make on the world, put your hand in a bucket of water, make a fist, and pull it out and see how big a hole you leave. Gary would have left a big hole. He had a great sense of fun, but an adult's way of dealing with the world. He was a hard worker. He was almost indispensable.

Joe Zeff: A while back, early 90s, Gary had been on a family trip to Asia that included going to China to deal with family business. According to Chinese Law, whoever has physical custody of the deed owns the property. So for 15 minutes, Gary owned a house in Communist China. Ben Massoglia has no clear memories, but the ones he does have are all good ones. Gary was always helping. Michael Mason: He made life easier for everyone. When they were planning to go to a major convention, he'd come to him and ask, "So, do you want to stay in the LASFS room?" Later, as it got closer to convention time, he'd call everyone to confirm. When they arrived at the hotel, the room would be all set up, and keys would be available. Weeks or months later, he'd let everyone know what their share of the hotel room bill was. Everything got handled almost automatically.

Marty Cantor: He was very quiet, and got involved in lots of things. He touched almost everyone in the club one way or another. Atop that display case are photos from the memorial held here. Ed Green: Gary was a fan to the end of his life and beyond. He lived up to the fannish standard by being late for his own funeral. The hearse got lost. Hare Hobbs: He was one of those who was not a Dr Who fan, but would help run Gallifrey. It didn't matter if he was a fan of the subject of a convention, he just liked to help. Frank Waller: Gary taught him about people: you come to them with an open hand, and not a fist. He was one of the few who found time to say hello when Frank first showed up.

Karl Lembke: recalled the account of Gary's stroke. He had gotten to work, and noticed that he was unable to speak. In his own uniquely organized fashion, he went to his computer and typed up a note explaining the problem and listing all the pertinent information. Then he made copies for his supervisor, his co workers, any taxi drivers he needed to retain for the trip to the hospital, the admitting nurse at the ER, his doctor, and anyone else he might run into before getting properly

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diagnosed and treated. Some time later, after Gary had regained his ability to speak, Karl was chatting with him. He was impressed by Gary's demeanor. It can be very frustrating to have a body part simply refuse to work. It's bad enough when it's never worked, and all you have is the knowledge that it's supposed to work. It must be even worse if you're used to having it work, and it stops. Gary never gave in to this frustration. Gary was given the traditional Three Cheers, and a legion of legos!

Committee Reports: Ed Green updated us all on the Fugghead contest. Christian is in first place.

George Van Wagner reminded us the Library needs volunteers. Dues payers should pay dues.

Time-Bound Announcements: Bob Null notes they've broken ground for the Noho Commons Project. The anchor store is supposed to be a bookstore. They've also started work on the Orange Line. We also have two new markets in the area, neither of which is on strike at the moment.

Reviews: Karen Anderson reviewed Opportunity's landing site. It's a magnificent landing site. We've finally gotten bedrock, and some layering is clearly visible. We need to scratch and sniff to see if it's wind, water, or other deposited, but Opportunity knocks.

Tad reviewed the night of the Spirit landing. He was at the Planetary Society party, with a huge big screen. It was very intense and exciting.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff followed a link from Jerry's letter column to a strange page, giving a list of things some Staff Sgt has been ordered not to do any more. If he's not a liar about these things, he's either the company clown, or a Max Klinger wanna-be.

Tadao: Lalacon is going to be on soon. We're looking forward to Elizabeth Klein Lebbik, Susan Gleason as artist, etc. Gallifrey is coming up. Sylvester McCoy, Paul Derrow, Janet Fielding, Paul McGann. Valentines Day Weekend. In case you see anyone fiddling with boxes labeled for conventions, try to keep them from being opened.

George has one: the committee to find a larger handbasket: A recent survey in the UK found 65% of those surveyed could not name the city the musical Chicago was set in. 57% could not name the locale of "Dallas", 64% don't know where the French Alps are. 70% don't know where Vienna Philharmonic is based. However, 66% don't know what city the song "Streets of London" refers to, either.

Phil Castora. Gold-N-Touch Autos used to have a sign, "Collisions, Restoration." That sign's gone.

Sandy Cohen: A young man was required to take a drug test for probation. He was afraid he'd be caught for marijuana, so he got a sample from his father. It tested positive for cocaine.

Doug Crepeau reported on someone who applied for a credit card for his dog. He gave 000-00-0000 for the social security number, and wrote "This is a dog" on the application. He got a card with a \$1500 limit.

The meeting adjourned at 21:12:50.

*LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of January 11, 2004
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, replaced by Brett Achorn, Secretaries*

Featuring a variety of typos that is only possible with two different scribes...

DIRECTORS: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellem, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed GR-E-E-N, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason. Others: Joyce Sperling, Dale Hales, Phil Castora, Tadao Tomomatsu, Anne Morrel, Greg Bilan, Stacy Hallman, Francis Hamit, Frank Waller, Arlene Satin, George Van Wagner, Sherry Benoun, Joan Stewart.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Normally, as we're going to be discussing the budget, we'd wait until Liz arrived, but being the first meeting of the year we have a few bits and pieces of business to keep us busy until she does. The first, was a special order of business: we thanked the outgoing members of the board, Ed Green, Bob Null, Mike Thorson, and Karl Lembke, and welcomed their replacements, Ed Green, Bob Null, Mike Thorson, and Karl Lembke. Except for some pedantic spelling errors, the minutes were approved.

Next, we needed to elect new Board Officers. Karl Lembke was elected as Chairman, unopposed. The new Vice Chair is Mike Thorson. Secretary is Brett Achorn, the only person who didn't decline. (The changeover occurred after the new official finished his breakfast.) For some strange reason, the Comptroller became Michael Mason.

NEW MEMBER: Jason Mills, approved.

BUDGET: [Brett tags Joe and takes over minuting] Liz went over the proposed budget. Moved to approve as modified and thank Liz. Approved all-0-0. Donation list is up, subject to updates from the Library. All should check their credit.

New life member: Peggy Little

FACILITIES: Ed moved \$750 for an upgraded sound system, to be identified by Brett (at Brett's instigation). Approved all-0-0. Lighting upgrade update: Arlene emailed the shopping list for the lighting upgrade to Bob. Bob needs the electrician's address, etc, which Arlene will provide. Bob said some chairs are damaged or destroyed and asked about need to replace. Line item exists, sense of board is to just do it. Any plaques on the chairs will be transferred, and shiny new chair backs are available to receive more plaques. Working sink coming soon to kitchen.

PARKING: need to get everyone together to paint new stencil.

COMPUTERS: Mr. Thorsen found 40GB hard drives, e-machine has no room, other machines have no connectors. Got one in the Compaq, but didn't get the OS to accept it. Ed passed out the proposed plan for the computer room remodel. (The budget already has the line item) Approved most-0-1

THE SIGN: Ed researched. 2 of 3 quotes came in. Cheapest \$690 for two vinyl signs and installation, which sounds funny but is a normal material. Cost for lights subject to him looking at what's there. Other quote \$850 for the same thing. Color logo costs more. 2 weeks to get job done. Some discussion about the sign design ensued, the sense is to go with the current layout and color with perhaps a slightly larger font on the LASFS words. Moved to raise sign budget to \$2000 to cover the electrical work as well. Passed most-0-1.

COMMUNICATION - Gestetner: Joe sat with repair folks. Works better, but still touchy. Marty will see what happens on a nice long run. Marty will look into leasing a new machine just to see if that makes sense.

MARKETING: has meeting in two weeks, then will have something to present

PUBLICATIONS: updated Kid's Reading List is in, along with cover art.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMING: Lasfs.org website has some broken links in places.

LIBRARY: Beth O'Brien is on the job now and doing well.

ARCHIVES: Bob has triaged the stuff Fred Patten brought in, more to go through.

EVENTS - FESTIVAL OF BOOKS: check has been cut, table is bought.

[Closed meeting ensued]

LOSCON 30: final wrap-up meeting Jan 31 noon, party at Bill and Anne Ellern's house afterwards.

LOSCON 31: first meeting March 27th at noon. Meetings sparse before August, then monthly. Two meetings to happen at hotel with some subset of folks. Table at Galley and Condor, as well as Baycon, probably Westercon and ComicCon, others TBA. No artist guest of honor announcement yet. And Ed would be hosed without his Vice-Chair, he'd just like to have noted. Ed asked to have a waiver of the 10% pass-on limit to go up to 15%. His concern was problematic attendance, and he'll make sure he'll vet the list with Liz to make sure contribution standards stay fair. Discussion ensued, Ed was going to withdraw the proposal for now for rethinking.

LOSCON 32: proposals are slated for next month's board meeting.

LaLaCon 10: proceeding. Greg Bylan is co-chair.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: legal glitch held up election by-law changes, this month's meeting will see it. Beginning of June is next election.

NEW BUSINESS: Gallifrey is requesting resources (Gestetner, art show stuff, etc), the usual.

Proposal from Ron Gordon to increase interest in club activities by programming and advertising. Referred to procedural side of the club.

CONVENTION DELEGATES : Liz, Ed, and Cathy to Condor. Michael Mason to Boskone.

Adjourning at 1:52 p.m.

zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: **EINBLATT!** Feb. 2004 (MinnStf). **ConNotations Vol. 14, No. 1** (CASFS). **INSTANT MESSAGE #731, #732** (NESFA). **FUTURE TIMES Vol. 7, #1 & Vol. 7, #2** (ASFS). **NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 24, No. 1** (NASFA). **DASFax Vol. 36, #1** (DASFA). **BCSFazine #369** (BCSFA).

other zines: **Challenger 19** by Guy H. Lillian III. **Pablo Lennis** by John Thiel.

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them.)

Books purchased by the Library 01/04: **The War of the Flowers** by Tad Williams. **Crown of Slaves** by David Weber & Eric Flint. **Dancers in the Dark** by Jack L. Chalker. **In The Presence of Mine Enemies** by Harry Turtledove. **Gunpowder Empire** by Harry Turtledove. **American Empire: The Victorious Opposition** by Harry Turtledove. **Jaws of Darkness** by Harry Turtledove. **Night Watch** by Terry Pratchett. **Quicksilver** by Neal Stephenson. **Roma Eterna** by Robert Silverberg. **In the King's Service** by Katherine Kurtz. **Berserker's Soda** by Fred Saberhagen. **Hybrids** by Robert J. Sawyer. **The People of Middle Earth** by J.R.R. Tolkien. **The Merlin Conspiracy** by Diana Wynne Jones. **The Outstretched Shadow** by Mercedes Lackey & James Malory. **The Crystal City** by Orson Scott Card. **GRRM: A Retrospective** by George R.R. Martin.

Books donated by Wizards of the Coast 01/04: **Champion's Trial** by Scott McGough. **Sacred Fire** by Chris Pierson. **The Sapphire Crescent** by Thomas M. Reid. **Wind of Truth** by Ree Soesbee. **Redemption** by Jean Rabe. **The Death Ray** by T.H. Lain. **Dark Thane** by Jeff Crook. **The Crimson Gold** by Veronica Whitney-Robinson. **Insurrection** by Thomas M. Reid. **Crucible: The Trial of Cyric the Mad** by Troy Denning.

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