



June, 2004

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**KEY TO CALENDAR
& OTHER IMPEDIMENTA**

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 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 - Serial Double Feature: The Masked Marvel & Secret Agent X9

**THURSDAY
PROGRAMME ITEMS**

JUNE 3 - Presidential nominations & Three Stooges shorts (*A matched pair, forsooth. -ed.*)
JUNE 10 - Procedural Elections.
JUNE 17 - More Like Movies, part 1
JUNE 24 - More Like Movies, part 2

**LASFS
CRAFT FAIR
JUNE 5, 2004**
(information on page 10)

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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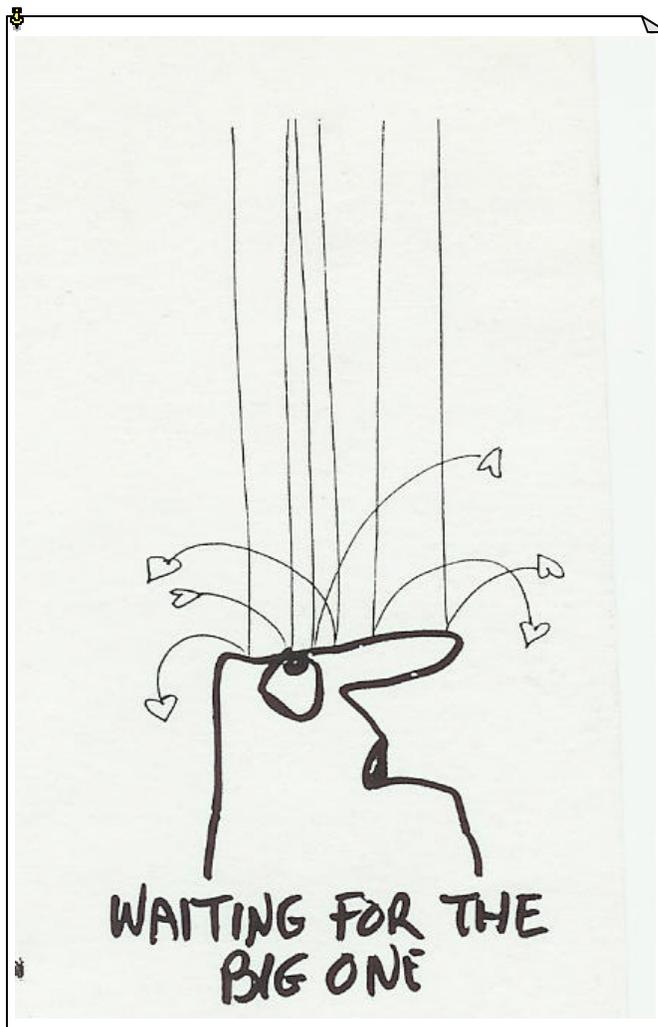
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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting #3477, April 1, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lemke, Scribe

President George Van Wagner called meeting number 3477 to order at 20:12:14.

Special Orders of Business: Sadly, we report on the death of Jan Sterling, in the 60's version of "1984", and the mother of LASFS member Adams Douglas. This was a very sudden passing.

The Menace were read and approved as "Clichéd the first time we heard them."

The Registrars: This pregnant pause brought to you by Ben Massoglia. We had one guest, who has escaped, taking his name with him.

Tonight's Patron Saint: Chuck Donahue II: A former president of the LASFS. Ed Green moved that we go straight to Three Cheers.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off some emergency rations. "No food was harmed in the production of these rations."

New business: Yes!!!

Proposed: Our country has a security problem at our West Coast ports. Therefore, to protect our West Coast ports from all sorts of stuff, we propose the Federal Government close the Pacific Ocean. It was moved to suppress the item.

Committee Reports: Ed Green announced the Fugghead of the year results: Christian in first place, Ed Green in second, a bunch of other trailing behind, and Jerry Pournelle trails at negative 31 votes.

Time-Bound Announcements: Karen Anderson announced two: For the next four nights, you can watch Venus climbing past the Pleiades. (*I hope that LASFS does not have to provide the ladder. – ed.*) The other: The finding by Opportunity of salt water means free shrimp for all from Long John Silver's.

Marty Cantor announced: The LASFS message board is temporarily no more. It has drowned under a flood of spam, porn, and Viagra.

Reviews: Ed Green reviewed something a LASFS member is working on. Suze Campagna is stage-managing at The Elephant Theater Lab, "False Positive." Follows three people who go to a HIV test clinic, get positive results, and are waiting for their retest. Very good play, well acted. It runs until 4/11, tickets are \$15. Support a LASFS member.

Fannish Committee Reports:

Bob Null announced Something Putrid in Everyday Science. Earth's Magnetic Poles are on the move... The North Pole is speeding up, and will soon cross the North Sea. The South Pole is slowing down. (*Am I to assume that the East and West Poles are just sitting there watching all of this? – ed.*)

Phil Castora: Surrealism in Everyday life: He has seen pictures of the new California Quarter... The Arkansas Quarter will be two dimes and a nickel taped together.

Francis and Leigh experienced a line of Volkswagen bugs costumed as Shamu the Whale. This is a Sea World promotional unit on the road.

Miscellaneous: Francis Hamit started an electronic publishing company. He has 49 items up. This is just the beginning, since his free setup time has been extended.

The meeting adjourned at 21:05:02.

Meeting #3478, April 8, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President George Van Wagner called meeting number 3478 to order at 20:12:27.

Special Orders of Business: The Emperor declined to offer any special orders of business. Phil Castora mentioned that yesterday was Marty Cantor's 69th birthday.

The Menace were read and approved as "the most crayfish minutes I've ever seen."

The Registrars: Ben Massoglia introduced a returning guest, Richard Baird, coming back after 20-30 years. He's a friend of Tom Digby. He's also plotting to re-start a LASFS-type club in San Francisco.

Tonight's Patron Saint: St Elst Weinstein. CLJII noted that Dr Eliot Weinstein is the man who, among fandom, created the best and most workable religion, Herbangelism, the worship of Herbie Popnecker. Matthew Tepper called him one of his closest and best friends in fandom. He loves life, and is one of funniest people he knows, and they've had many adventures (dining experiences) over the years. He has a practice in Claremont or thereabouts. Sandy Cohen noted he was one of the hatchers of the Fanquet and the Hogu award. Marty Cantor notes: We used to laugh at where he went to med school. Guadalajara. It turns out to be one of the finest pediatric schools in this hemisphere. He practices at Alta Loma. He was given Three Cheers, and the traditional reasonably clean butter knife for surgery.

Committee to Gouge: We have some guest auctioneers, and Cathy Beckstead auctioned off Marty Cantor's 21st birthday.

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

Committee Reports: There is no fugghead update since Ed Green wasn't here.

Tadao would have announced LaLaCon had he been here. He would have told us it's on May first and second.

Reviews: Karen Anderson reviewed a website, <spacearchive.info/> Vandenberg launches. It features a complete field guide to Vandenberg launches. There is lots of fun stuff on this site, including ephemerides.

Don Wenner ran across a website featuring books by Stacy Wilson. She's a SF/fantasy/horror writer. She's into cats, Tarot cards, rock n roll, and many other things.

Doug Crepeau ran across something on CNN. A Nasa/Ames project that received a grant is taking an unusual approach to science education <view.the.future.org> Take an integrated approach to seminars for high school teachers – start with cosmology and bring all the sciences as they go through stellar and biological evolution. This as distinct from isolating things into separate courses.

Fannish Committee Reports: Rick Foss heard about a scientific curiosity on Mars – measurable levels of methane in the atmosphere. Perhaps it's Martian farts? There's certainly something going on.

Hare notes a college professor who thinks SF is evil. A literature professor believes SF teaches, if they're different from you, you kill it. Also, the shrimp Long John Silver is offering is a 6" critter.

Doug Crepeau – Spaceship One had a successful powered flight of 40 seconds. They got a license to fly the first civilian spaceship.

CLJII has been having a pain in his right elbow. It's now diagnosed. He's obviously been watching too many I Spy episodes. He has tennis elbow.

Karen Anderson: When Boucher got the same condition, he was told it was reviewers elbow.

Rick Foss– File this under “Nuisances to SF”... He had decided to buy a subscription to Analog for a friend. He just got a letter back from Reader's Digest noting they're discontinuing Analog because it's too adult for their audiences. Recall that Reader's Digest is written to a Flesch-Kincaid fourth grade reading level.

George Van Wagner has a couple of items: The committee for beating the drum for LASFS members saw on slashdot yesterday that the SF channel is producing a miniseries of Ringworld. Interestingly enough. Committee for fairness in fannish committee reports introduces a stupid cop report.

Sheriff Larry Donner was invited to a high school for career day. A student asked if he could try on some handcuffs. The key broke off in the lock. The cuffs were cut off using a plasma torch, causing third degree burns.

Hare: The professor used to teach SF before he joined the Nation of Islam.

Phil Castora: the committee for surrealism thanks whoever provided table cloths for the front table.

The meeting adjourned at 21:12:17.

*Meeting #3479, April 15, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

President George Van Wagner called meeting number 3479 to order at 20:12:01. A couple of pertinent quotes: “the point to remember is, what the government gives, it must take away.”

Special Orders of Business: None!

The Menace were read and approved as “set a literature professor on fire and he'll be warm for the rest of his life.”

The Registrars: Michelle Pincus introduced Mary Turzillo, brought here by her husband, and Elise Toth, brought by Michelle.

Tonight's Patron Saint: Stan Burns, another saint George doesn't know. Matthew Tepper: Stan Burns was a member when Matthew joined in '69. He had come to LASFS because of a school assignment to devise a questionnaire and find a bunch of people to respond to it and analyze the results. History does not record his final grade. He published an APA-L zine for many years. He has a business repairing VCRs and other electronica. Ed Green: Stan Burns is a photographer and was doing great things before digital, still does great things. He shares an unfortunate set of circumstances. He came in about the same time as Sandy Cohen. There is enough resemblance that they tend to get mixed up. Of course, whenever it happened, people would be amazed that such confusion was possible. “Gee, Sandy, how could anyone ever mistake you for Stan?” “I **am** Stan...” Jerry Pournelle: Stan was able to survive at the high stakes poker

table for many years, and still shows up at Larry's parties.

Len Moffatt notes that Stan is currently going back to school to become a teacher. It's amazing how much crap you have to go through to become a teacher. That's to prepare you for the crap you go through after becoming a teacher. Stan Burns was given Three Cheers, and a stop bath. (Too many fans have done that already.)

New business: WE got a post card from Bill Anderson, currently on Navarone.

Sage Break: Jerry Pournelle sounded off on the President's speech. His comments can be found, for the most part, on his website, when you have thyme. Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it, and applying the incorrect remedies. – Marx

Committee Reports:

CLJII: Next week, our guest speaker is David Gerrold, SF TV writer. Week after, Frankie Thomas. 4th Sunday of this month, FWEMS theme is Mermaids. There will be movies.

Ed Green announced Loscon 31 has a fourth GOH. LASFS GOH will be David Gerrold.

Fughead Contest. Christian is still leading, with Ed Green in second place. DCrepeau's sensitivity 3rd. The Royal Canadian Mounted Marty Cantor is 4th, Matthew Tepper in 5th, The Notorious Dr. Sideburns is 6th, Tad Daily's New World Order is 7th, and various incarnations of Marty Cantor are in the next five places. At -52 votes, Jerry Pournelle is in last place.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff reported that after 18 years in one location, has been forced to move. One thing to move was a refrigerator. He's no Felix Unger. He used a do-it-yourself car wash to clean the fridge.

Ed Green shared an e-mail. A corporal from a Marine Corps battalion is facing court martial charges for misuse of property and killing a camel. He launched a tow missile, and the two crossed paths.

George reported on a TV ad in Colorado's Better Business Bureau – call us first. You inherited a fortune. You called a lawyer. Now it's his fortune. The lawyers took offence. Now it's their fence. (Possession is nine points of the law.)

Tom Safer: From KNX radio, a number of things at McDonald's have a high fat content. During this announcement, under the news reader's tip of the slung, "Mc Donald's Adult Happy Meal" turned into McDult's... The adult happy meal contains salad, water, and a pedometer with nutritional advice. (I advise against eating the pedometer.)

Miscellaneous:

Frank Waller announced the chip of the month – barbecue ranch. (*Is the whole ranch in the bag so that you have to plant the potatoes, roast them . . . ? - ed.*)

Hare: has been mentioning that he wants to encourage book reviews. He's been doing most of the reviews. And people should show up at the "what are you reading" panels.

The meeting adjourned at 21:26:07.

Meeting #3480, April 24, 2004

George Van Wagner, President

Karl Lembke, Scribe

The scribe finally being ready, Meeting 3480 was called to order at 20:12:01

The Menace were read and approved as "McDulterated".

The Registrars: Michelle Pincus introduced the other acting registrar. Michelle has four guests, and Grey Troutman, comes from the web site, Deborah van Sandt, from the Lansing Sci-Fi Assn. She brings Erik Dahlgren and Jamie Saint-Anthony. James Sweet was introduced by Ben Massoglia. Bill Curry came back after a lapse, and John from Warner Brothers has ventured back in.

Tonight's Patron

Saint: Bill Warren,

one who President George actually knows.... Allen Rothstein had kind things to say... Film critic, associate editor of Leonard Malton's yearly book of movies available, and co-authored "Fandom is a Way of Death" with Allen. Hare recalls Bill wrote a book – Keep Watching The Skies, an account of science fiction films from '50 to '57. Part two covered the period from 1958-62. Part II wound up being 3 times the size of part 1. Funny thing was, many people thought they had found mistakes, but only one of them turned out to be a real mistake. CLJII notes there are plans for a second edition. Charlie's been tapped to help out. He did

LAFa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, June 19, 2004

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:00 PM

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Rick's Cafe Terrestrienne: Rick Weiss and Tess Calhoun, hosts
13261 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92844: 714/530-3546

Dinner: New Seoul Korean BBQ, 5 PM, 9902 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove

Cost: \$15.99, vegetarian entrees available. RSVP by noon Saturday to Rick or Tess.

The restaurant is a short walk from the filksite: Continue north on Donegal from the filksite. Proceed straight ahead at the Stop sign into the parking lot. Turn right in front of the storefronts (not at the Alano Club - go farther), New Seoul is straight ahead of you at the far end of the strip mall.

FILKSITE DIRECTIONS: See Thomas Bros. Orange Co.: Page 798, D-7(1992 edition); Page 15, F-5 (older editions).

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

MAGIC
The Gathering

Tournaments
held at LASFS
First Friday
every month

Contact for Magic The
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find a few mistakes here and there. The book is not just what the movies were, but there is autobiographic info sprinkled through the book. He was our Lord High Janitor for a while. Three Cheers for Bill Warren, and a four-channel digital transfer...

Committee to Gouge: showed the club that Shirt Happens.

Committee Reports: Ed Green passed the plate for the Acquire the Spire project. We're at the \$700 mark, and we need \$1200. (Gisp!)...

The standings in the fugghead contest were mostly unchanged, and the contest will end early in May. (Reality correction: \$700 turns out to be \$560, for sufficiently large values of 5 and 6.)

Dr. Arizona announced June 5th will host the second annual craft faire and swap meet. \$5 for a 6X6 space, first come, first served. See the Doctor with questions. There will also be a bake sale. Donations will be accepted at any time. The doctor promised to pester us weekly. How weakly???

Time-Bound Announcements: CLJII got another fine envelope, which means he's the adoptive father of another bat. This is a Mexican Free-tailed bat. John DeChancie asked when the Bat Mitzvah was to be.

Allen Rothstein announced: Selina Phannara is in the hospital, at least until the end of next week. She has been diagnosed as extreme bipolar, so if she's offended you in the past year, she's blaming it on that. Send cards. On a happier note, his youngest son, Stephen, AKA Gamma, will be in a concert in Schoenberg hall at UCLA, 8 PM. His is the first piece on the program, and it's caused a tremendous stir among the faculty. In a good way. He'll open for some guy named Beethoven.

Hare emphasized the importance of contacting Selina so she knows people care. It was moved that the club send a card.

Reviews: Karen Anderson reviewed two things: The Nebula Weekend was wonderful. It was put on by her wonderful daughter. Speed of Dark won the award for best novel.... and other pieces won other awards. Soon to open SF Museum, now in corner of Paul Allen's Music Experience project. IT will have rotating exhibits. Dramamine on request. The restrooms are in the middle of the museum, but apparently, they don't rotate. The restrooms are marked with the biological symbols... XX/WZ XY/ZZ, a marking that is definitely for the birds.

Fannish Committee Reports: George Van Wagner, under "Things that make you go Bleah"... The Rumanian Govt. is gearing up for membership in EU. They're trying to put a stop to the traditional practice of vampire killing, and enforcing laws against disturbing the dead. Joe Zeff pointed out that, as a side note, if the authorities are right and there's no need for the procedure, the dead are not being disturbed at all. If they're disturbed, they needed the staking. Somewhere in here, it was pointed out that traditional vampire killing required more than just the stake. At the very least, there should be a baked potato and some sour cream on the side.

Miscellaneous: CLJII introduced our program, David Gerrold.

The meeting adjourned at 21:07:20.

Meeting #3481, April 29, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President George Van Wagner lobstered meeting number 3481 to order at 20:13:59.

Special Orders of Business: None have reached the ears of our official SOBber.

The Menace were read and approved.

The Registrars: found no guests to rat out to the club. At this point, Len Moffatt pointed out Carol Sperling, who came to hear Frankie Thomas. She's a member of the Blustering Gales. Paula Sayle, head of the BG, sits to her left. A couple more old time members of the BG were in the back somewhere.

Tonight's Patron Saint: Two weeks in a row, President George is familiar with the saint of the week **Larry Niven**, whose work George was familiar with. He's a real human being, and a nice one, too. Karen Anderson notes that he listens to what his fans tell him, and writes sequels to take critiques into account. Ed Green: He is a shining light of LASFS and fandom. He's a fan at heart. He's a writer, and a genial host. He's a good poker player. He's Ed's oldest friend in the society. It's a pleasure to say that about him. He's knowledgeable, and it's frightening that he actually listens. We're luckier for the time he's spent under our roofs. Doug Crepeau: Larry's specialty is hard SF. One thing he said about his SF - "I couldn't have written Dragon's Egg because it required too much real science."

Niven was recommended to Jeff as a "Next Author." Larry makes people feel appreciated. He's a great dancer. He showed Janis why the Waltz was considered a dangerous, nasty dance. It's possible to make someone tipsy with the

dance. Ed Hooper: He's an atypical quiet fan, just there, and contributes not through the amount of verbiage he produces, but through his presence.

Hare: Once heard Pournelle say, Larry was born with a silver spoon in his mouth the size of a snow shovel. Despite that, he's stayed down to earth. At a recent film showing, he openly enjoyed the George of the Jungle movie. (Watch out for that integral tree...) MBT: First person he ran into at a con was Thom Digby. "Do you have any idea where Larry Niven might be?" Well, you might ask that fellow over there. It was Larry Niven. Ben: He rocks! Vanessa: The committee on hagiography has found an omission from the Larry Niven file. It fails to mention that he looks most dashing in Regency attire. at BoucherCon, the kids' programming included a murder investigation, with the examination of the crime scene and all. One of the kids had volunteered to be the murder victim. Larry came in to the room, and exclaimed in delight, "Oh, look!! Someone killed Harlan!"

Larry was given Three Cheers, and a brand new Remington so he can shoot off some stories.

Committee to Gouge: announced, the sooner you pay, the sooner the treasurer stops yelling at you.

Committee Reports: Ed Green: Cathy Beckstead passed the plate for the Spire project. The new version of the Fugg-head contest – due to a great disturbance in the Forced, DCS 1st, Ed Green, and Christian are within spitting distance of second place. Lots of others trail. The last meeting of May will see the closeout of the contest. Vote early, and vote often.

Dr. Arizona announced the Craft Faire and Yard Sale. Two spaces have been sold, the rest are \$5 for a 6X6 space. Come one, come all, sell craft, sell cruft.

Greg Bilan thanked all who helped with the Festival last weekend. A list of the coalition of the helpful will be printed in De Prof. LaLaCon 10 takes place this weekend. It starts Saturday at 8:30 AM with cartoons, and continues from there.

Seeing no further appointed committee reports, we move to disappointed committee reports...

Time-Bound Announcements: Karen Anderson announced the availability of Violets and Vitriol, a collection of essays and papers by women Sherlock Holmes fans. One piece is by Karen Anderson.

Scratch: There is a website that acts as a clearing house for letters to GIs. This is similar to sending letters to "Any G.I." Operation gratitude.com. Also, a.million.thanks.com

The meeting adjourned at 20:55:22.

*LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of March 14, 2004
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Brett Achorn, Secretary*

Chairman: Karl Lembke, Scribe: Brett Achorn

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead (absent), Michael Mason. Others: Joyce Sperling, George VanWagoner, Kim Marks-Brown, Tadao Tomomatsu, Chris Fleming, Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason, Arlene Satin, Patrick Beckstead, Scott Beckstead

Karl called the meeting to something like order at 11:09 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes approved.

New Members: James Peterson, Drew Nolan, Philip Paul Martinez, Andrew Klein, Rone Ellis, admitted.

Treasurer's Report: Have money, insurance paid.

Special Money Report: Kim and Michael turned over \$16,634.61 on behalf of Loscon 30.

Impromptu Whither the Loscon and Sunday Dinner Discussion: Kim also encouraged the Board to go over the Loscon rules, etc. and dot the i's and cross the t's regarding what's in there, and re-examine a few of the traditional line items that might not be worth keeping (e.g.: Sunday volunteer dinner). Ed thought it would be good for Kim to bring it up with the general membership, and though the dinner cost might be high (\$1300), in general it might be a useful tool to reward volunteers. Kim wanted to make sure the people who put in the work get properly thanked.

Liz didn't want to make a precedent of telling the board chair how he/she could spend money. Bill wasn't happy that he had thrown a volunteer thanking party and hadn't known about the dinner. Kim corrected some of the numbers that it may have been only \$860 or so for volunteers and about \$400 for the guest of honor dinner. Ed apologized to Bill for the fact that Bill hadn't known about the dinner. He then said he wanted to make sure the volunteer's got thanked, and he'd limit the Sunday dinner to people who'd earned it. And in the past he'd done other things for volunteers.

Brett argued against the board suggesting the chair to death. Ed was in favor of communication between the board and chair, but just didn't want a load of rules getting dropped on the chairs. Michael said he invited the truck loading folks, art show folks, and guests of honor. Others showed up, though. Finally, Kim handed a full set of Loscon 30 records to the archivist, Tadao.

Building Remodel: Chris Fleming presented a report on the computer room remodel. Leon Roth was the other co-conspirator. Not content to stop there, they were interested in money to upgrade some of the computers with something

vaguely modern. Namely, \$2,000 for 46 computers with upgrade capability. Homogeneous computers would also be easier to maintain. Brett moved to reward hard work with candy and spend \$3,000 for the project. Approved all-0-0. Ed commended the computer room crew (and looked forward to squeezing more out of them)

Sign report: Ed will be getting a check from Liz today, so progress is being made.

Hall decoration: nothing new

Gestetner: no problems

Video projector: nothing new

Audio system: George is getting info from his Yamaha contact

Marketing committee: Arlene sent out feelers for the workshops, not much of a response. Research continues. Next marketing meeting this coming Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the LASFS.

Loscon 30: Mike thanked everyone who helped.

Loscon 31: Meeting March 27th, high noon at LASFS.

Loscon 32: Author guest of honor Steven Brust

La La Con: Meeting after the Loscon 31 meeting on March 27th. No writer GOH yet.

Speaker to Neighborhood Council: Marty is resigning as chair of the rules committee and is not going to be running for a seat on the NC in the upcoming election. He won't be Speaker to Neighborhood Council anymore, but recommended Allan Rothstein be considered as a replacement.

New Business: Michael Mason carried a request from Kris Bauer to hold a bridal shower over Estrogen Zone's slot. Saturday April 3^d. Approved all-0-0 if it's an open LASFS event, if not, e-mail hashing this out will happen. He also requested a slot for Mason Con III on 10/23 after the Loscon meeting. (Approved)

Liz wanted to move or cancel next month's board meeting. Ed moved to cancel the meeting. Marty will open the club at 11 a.m. for early gamers that day.

Dr. Arizona came to request June 6th as the craft fair date (the craft fair had been approved subject to a date getting picked).

Hall Maintenance: Drains cleared, neighbor asked not to put planters in front of fire door.

Convention Delegates: Tadao to DemiCon.

Meeting adjourned 12:52 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: **DASFax Vol. 36, No. 5** (DASFA). **INSTANT MESSAGE #735** (NESFA). **FUTURE TIMES Vol. 7, No. 5.** **BCSFAzine 372** (BCSFA). **EINBLATT! MAY, 2004** (MinnStf).

other zines: **THE ZINE DUMP #6** (Guy H. Lillian III).

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. The Librarian has no current listings at this time.)

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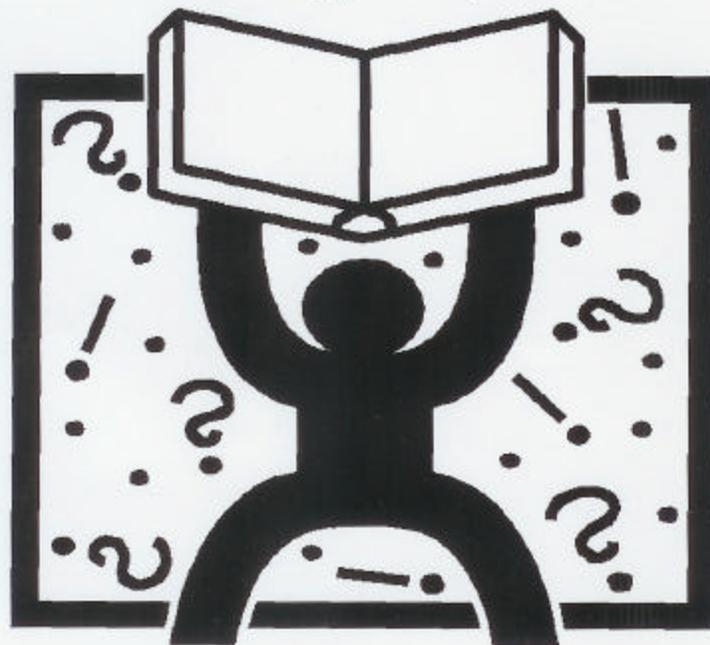
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