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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am
D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group = 7 PM

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
Work Party - 10:30 am
TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
FWEMS -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

DECEMBER 6 - Nominations for President
BIG Auction
DECEMBER 13 - Elections for Procedural Offices
DECEMBER 20 - Tim Griffin
DECEMBER 27 - LASFS Limber-up Work Out

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

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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 478– December 2012. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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 leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah(at)sbcglobal(dot)net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah(at)sbcglobal(dot)net). December 2012. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1700. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Arlene Satin, Charlie Jackson, Liz Carlie, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2012

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

Board of Directors

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

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Arlene Satin. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

Honorary Officers

Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

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

2012 Gift Exchange: Friday, December 14

THE RULES OF THE LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE by Leigh Strother-Vien and others, 2007

Date: Friday, The Fourteenth of December
Doors Open: 7:00 PM / Event Begins: 8:00 PM
Location: LASFS Clubhouse

The Gift Exchange is considered an extension of the previous night's meeting. Dues will be collected, if not previously paid. The Gift Exchange is open to all active LASFS members who are not in arrears to the club nor under any other sort of administrative stigma. You must be present in person - - NO PROXIES! You should expect to spend several hours at this event.

To participate in the Gift Exchange, bring an anonymous, wrapped gift, with a value of at least \$10. The gift must be related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom (see GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS at www.lasfsinc.info if unsure). The gift you place in the Exchange should be considered a donation.

Because of the wide range of gifts that may be contributed and because of varying tastes, you might not receive a gift that you really want! You might in fact get a gift you don't want at all! In this event, please bear in mind that THE PURPOSE OF THE

GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. (If you also happen to get some nice loot, that should merely be considered a very nice bonus!)

On entering the Gift Exchange, you will receive a registration number. The registration numbers will be randomized, to determine when each person will be called to choose a gift from the table. The first person called will choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience. Make sure the rest of the crowd knows what the gift is, because that lets the crowd have fun, and THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

The rest of the participants, in the order called, will each choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience.

Force Trades: If the person who has just opened a gift desires, he/she may "Force Trade" that gift with any gift that has been previously opened. THE PERSON HOLDING THE DESIRED GIFT MUST ACCEPT THE TRADE. The first person in the Gift Exchange is allowed the last "Force Trade," after everyone has selected & opened a gift.

Crud Calls: A "Crud Call" may occur if a gift is deemed unsuitable. "Crud Calls" may only be made if (1) the gift has insufficient value or (2) the gift is not related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom. "Crud Calls" may NOT be made merely because a person is unhappy with a gift, if it otherwise meets the requirements. If you don't like it, trade it away. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

The person opening a gift may make a "Crud Call" at that time. Also, a person receiving a gift on a "Force Trade" may make a "Crud Call" at that time. "Crud Calls" are not allowed at any other time.

"Saves" may be made after a "Crud Call," if any participant wants the gift that has been declared "crud." If more than one person wants the "crud" gift, the person holding it may choose among the gifts offered in exchange. If only one person offers to take the "crud" gift, the person who made the "Crud Call" must accept the trade.

After the trade, neither person may make another "Crud Call" on either of the two gifts in question. A participant may trade his/her future gift choice on a "Crud Call." The person making the "Crud Call" will then select another gift at the appropriate time. The acceptor of the "crud" gift may not make another "Crud Call" on it.

If no one volunteers to "Save," a "Force Trade" with

the perpetrator of the "crud" gift - - whether an already opened gift or a future selection - - is mandated. The participants may overrule a "Crud Call" by a majority vote if they consider it unjustified. If a Judgment Call is required in any instance, the decision of the Gift Exchange "Producer" is FINAL!

Please note:

Gifts in the Gift Exchange are considered the Property of the club until the Gift Exchange is officially declared "over." If you are in possession of an opened gift and need to leave (either the room or completely), you must leave your gift with someone else. It is still open to "Force Trades."

Tantrums will result in the person or persons having Tantrums being banned from future Gift Exchanges. Tantrums are Not Fun. AND THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

Free Trading: After the Gift Exchange is over, Free Trading of gifts may occur. Free Trading is outside the Gift Exchange rules and is done by persons willing to trade all or parts of their gifts with each other.

*****SPECIAL RULE: The "Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover"** is a traditional feature of the Gift Exchange. While not an acceptable gift by itself (due to insufficient monetary value - if you have possession of it, you got it for free), it can be added to any gift. Whoever ends up with the Manhole Cover at the end of the Gift Exchange is charged with the responsibility to see that it is reintroduced in the next year's Gift Exchange. The possessor of the Cover does not have to add it to his own gift... just see that someone does.***

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

- If you wouldn't be happy to get a gift, don't put it in the Gift Exchange. Others probably won't like it either.

- Having participants fight over an expensive gift ruins the spirit of the Gift Exchange. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. If you bring a gift worth MORE than minimum value, do not expect equal value in return.

- Craig Miller's Corollary to Rotsler's Rules for Masquerade Presentations #21 can apply to Gift Exchange presentations as well: "Short is better than long; funny is better than non-funny; short and funny is best."

- Do not put anything offensive into the Gift Exchange. Lewd, crude, or rude gifts are not funny. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

- If it took more than 20 minutes to wrap the gift, it will take too long to unwrap it at the Gift Exchange. Keep the wrapping simple, so that it can be opened in a reasonable amount of time. When giving books that are part of a multi-part series, it is considered good form (and perhaps even good taste) to include the first book (and perhaps all previous books) of the series.

- Some gifts that were very popular at previous Gift Exchanges were: stuffed animals (especially those from comic strips); telescopes; recently published books (in new condition!); toy ray guns; coffee table books about S.F., Fantasy, or Space; and stuff for computers. High quality gifts of chocolate are considered Fannish!

Please note that, prior to 1996, "quality" alcoholic gifts were also encouraged. THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE. The use of alcohol is your own business, but the Club would prefer to NOT encourage alcohol in the Gift Exchange, as more and more members are either abstainers or minors!

Items that bombed: miscellaneous (dull, boring, mundane) food, hand-crafted "artwork," used paperbacks if small in number or poor in condition, and anything having to do with *Zotz!* or the Hubbard Decology, unless Crud Insurance (high quality chocolate, for example) is included.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED

Q. "What exactly does 'related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom' mean?"

A. If you don't know what's related to science fiction or fantasy, you're in the wrong club. Fandom-related things are associated with the activities of organized fandom: e.g. mementos from conventions, propeller beanies, chocolate, costumes, computer hardware and software, comic books, collected fanzines, manuscripts from pro authors, bookshelves, video storage devices, interesting toys, games, puzzles, sheet music and/or recordings by Filk artists, miniatures, leather-craft tools, chain mail, etc.

Q. "I've just been force traded a large box of "Magic The Gathering" Cards. I don't like "Magic The Gathering." Am I allowed to call Crud?"

A. No. The nature of the gift is unquestionably re-

lated to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom. The value of the gift is unquestionably in excess of \$10. There are no other criteria. Your options are to (a) hope that someone force trades for the Magic cards, leaving you with something else, or (b) wait until after the Exchange and try to obtain something you prefer during Free Trading.

Q. "I've ended up with the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover, but I think it's a silly tradition and I don't want to deal with it. Can I throw the darned thing away?"

A. Only if you want to be ostracized by all of organized fandom. Most people don't have that much masochism in them, so you would be advised to simply give the Cover to someone who takes it more seriously than you do.

Q. I've picked the Pournelle Box (greed is good!), but someone wants to Force Trade me a box of "Magic The Gathering" cards for it. Should I allow it, or scream, whine and complain in a loud annoying voice until they relent?"

A: In the first place, they won't relent. The rules are on their side. In the second place, throwing such a tantrum would only get you thrown out and banned from future Exchanges. Your only real option is to make an effort to act like an adult (yes, it's terribly hard, but necessary) and allow the trade without putting up a fight.

Q. "I'm on a diet, but the buffet table looks so tempting. Should I eat more?"

A. Yes. The club always lays on too much food for this event, and we have no place to store leftovers. Feel free to eat us out of house and home. Diet later!

ADDENDUM: If you are bringing an underage child, you are responsible for them and for their behavior. It is *not* acceptable to hand off the responsibility to another person and boisterous behavior by the child, uncontrolled by the parent or guardian, will result in the child and the parent (and/or guardian) being asked to leave. Apologies afterward are nice; but, nicer still, is not having the ruckus in the first place.

ADDENDUM TO THE ADDENDUM: If, by any chance, you bring an adult guest to the Gift Exchange, the previous paragraph applies to you and the guest, too.

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 3918, September 13, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, President
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

The minutes you are about to approve are true...if by true, you mean barely. The names have been changed, but only if you speak Klingon.

This is the city: Los Angeles, California. It's a city filled with freaks and weirdos, but more disturbingly, so-called normal people. People who don't read comics or watch STAR WARS. (*I have never understood why people waste their time reading comics or watching STAR WARS.* - ed.) People who think nothing of the fact that, at any minute, we could turn into a military culture or be forced to live in a zombie infested, post apocalyptic wasteland filled with pod people, extraterrestrials, and godless heathens that have never heard of Cthulhu. That's where I come in. I don't carry a badge, but I wear a bow tie. Bow ties are cool.

My name is Elizabeth Carlie. I'm a fan.

The meeting began with the usual business of naming the minutes, which Marcia Minsky did for a dollar. The name? "JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM."

Prior to PASSAGES, Marty Cantor announced that long-distance division member Dwain Kaiser suffered a stroke. He was hospitalized at the time for an issue with his legs, but that's heresay: Cantor couldn't confirm. Doesn't seem serious, but it's early yet. I filed a request for a greeting card warrant.

Tim announced that we have internet, and made wifi password information available. We're only up to 3MB speed instead of the six we hoped for, but they're working on the problem.

Registrar Michelle Pincus presented one guest, plus five from Second Sunday: Shirley Pass: heard about us through her husband & son. Occupation? Housewife & volunteer.

SECOND SUNDAY GUESTS: Robyn Orfitelli: heard about us through a friend. She's a gamer, media fan, literary fan, and a writer. Occupation? Professor. Rocco Satriano, fan name Darth Magus. Heard about us through a friend, likes LARPing, fan of "other." Defined it as fabulous. I grew suspi-

cious. Occupation? Teacher. Rachel Crould: friends and fellow Second Sunday visitors Amy Hirschman & Johnathan Solomon told her about the club. Chili cookoff encouraged her to visit. She's into books, media, games & accessories. Occupation? LA County Clerk. Speculation that she was undercover for Internal Affairs was quickly dispelled. Amy Hirschman: enabled Rachel Crould, heard about us through friends. She's visited before, but the chili cookoff was responsible for this visit. She's a writer, literature fan, and media fan, specifically Babylon 5, Firefly, Doctor Who, Star Wars, Game of Thrones and Lord of the Rings type fantasy, and so on. She's a freelance Japanese translator seeking permanent employment, and a writer for Whedonopolis.com. Johnathan Solomon: drove by, girlfriend encouraged the visit. Gamer by design, baker by trade.

Susan Fox & Gene Turnbow on behalf of Krypton Radio were recognized for sponsoring the consuite at LOSCON with a generous donation of five hundred dollars.

There was also an announcement about the chili cookoff, which was a huge success. Lots of people showed, and there were seven contestants total. Mark Poliner & Karl Lembke judged recipes by Adelheid Nichols, Barry Gold, Sherri Moore Benoun, Kerian Brooke, Marcia Minsky, Harold Goldstein, and Mike Thorsen. Nichols took first place with the judges, followed by Minsky, with the popular vote going to Barry Gold.

Several months ago the club did a panel on Ray Bradbury for the West Hollywood Library, featuring Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, John Dechancie, and Harry Turtledove. For that, a donation of five hundred dollars was made.

PATRON SAINTS:

PATRON SAINT, DALE HALES. Arlene noted Dale's been highly instrumental in marketing though he doesn't come to meetings or email much. Whenever he's needed for a table at the Irvine Theater, he's been there, ready and able, with no complaints. He's a great contributor. Joe said for many years, Dale was on so many meds he couldn't give blood. Someone tested him, and the results led some to believe it was a miracle he could stay alive with that toxic cocktail in his bloodstream. CLJII knew Dale when they were in the fifth and sixth grade, mere boys in Glendale who stayed at each other's houses often. Out of sixth grade, Charlie moved, and both attended different schools. They drifted apart until the 1984 LOSCON, which CLJII, ironically, chaired. Dale attended, found out about

LASFS, and joined.

Matthew stated that Dale is one of the more genial & generous people around. He supports LASFS in many ways, and has a big heart. **Patron Saint Dale Hales** received Three Cheers & a bucket of Dinah's chicken.

PATRON SAINT MIKE THORSEN. Hare Hobbs testified that Mike is one of those guys who does a lot around the club, and based on a story about a previous LOSCON where Mike was asked to perform a task and he said "Okay, I guess," dubbed him Eeyore. Mike attested to the fact that Ed Hooper had prior claim. Eylat agreed with Hare's summation, and added that he's really good about setting up for events. He helped put up the banner displayed outside the club, and stocks the soda machine without fail. He also brings healthy munchies like salad & veggies for Second Sunday, and plays a great game of Mah Jongg. Arlene added that she's known Mike a long time, and agreed about how helpful he is. She pointed out that he built the bookshelves at the old clubhouse for marketing materials, and is great to work with. Scott added that Mike's great at Virtual Masquerade, complete with his Kermit the Frog impression. Joe threw in the fact that Mike has won club chili cookoffs several times, including recipes such as chili meatloaf & chili ice cream.

CLJII also commented on Mike's helpful nature, and that he has interesting conversations with him. He speaks well about the film industry, giving them something to talk about. Darnell enjoys having conversations with him about family. On the help he gave with setting up the watering system, David Okamura had nothing but good things to say. He enjoys their after hours conversations, and his aid on projects such as salvaging the old LASFS sign has been invaluable. Jim offered thanks to Mike because it seems no matter what has to be done, you always hear "Oh, Mike's got it," and does so without expecting anything in return. I added that, while I didn't know Mike well, I liked him thus far, and cited Mike as one of the factors in getting me interested in learning Mah Jong.

Scratch said, quite simply, that Mike was our friend, and Tepper added that he's a good worker, good guy, and good at having fun. He remembers one occasion where he met up with friends at the old clubhouse to head out to Universal Studios, and found Mike there, having been on the computer all night. Mike was invited to join them, he agreed, and good times were had by all. **Patron Saint, Mike Thorsen** received Three Cheers, a good old

fashioned tiger, and "It Isn't Easy Being Green."

President Tepper announced that, at the recent Board of Directors meeting, he was asked to pass along the following request: please make use of the soda machine in the clubhouse. When you bring freebie sodas for others, don't compete with what's in the machine. Funds go directly to the club. Arlene added that, in terms of fundraising, the club is affiliated with groups such as Goodsearch, Goodshop, and GoodDining, where we get a cut of anything you spend, or a donation based on your searches. We also have a PayPal link on the site for direct donations, which are tax deductible. Be sure to let Elayne know what you donate so you can get credit for it.

Via Greg Bilan, David Okamura announced that an Area 51 special lecturer will be at the Atomic Testing Museum on 9/22. See the website for details.

Patrick followed with a more somber announcement: he's entering the hospital on the 26th for a procedure: colon cancer's the culprit. He'll be recouping for about five weeks, and will keep Jim Busby informed as to his condition.

Milt finished with an update on fallout from Worldcon. Committee's been under heavy attack via Facebook for issues at the con, specifically: the Ustream scandal, inadequate handicapped service, and at least one complaint of sexual harassment.

EPILOGUE: Meritorious citations were issued to Eylat Poliner, Mark Poliner, and Karl Lembke for their service in the chili cookoff. Also receiving citations were all who participated and attended Second Sunday.

The minutes you have just heard are a little bit true. The names remain the same, because we are bad mother-shut your mouth! I'm just talkin' 'bout Shaft.

**Board of Directors meeting
October 14, 2012
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, June Mof-

fatt, Matthew B. Tepper, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Michelle Pincus, Nick Smith, Jim Busby, Jeni Burr, Tim Trzepacz, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Tom Safer, Ed Hooper, Heidi Nichols, Joe Zeff.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of September 2012, were accepted, with one abstention, as presented.

New Members: There were no applications for membership in the Society presented to the Board.

Treasurer: See the Treasurer for details about the amount of money in our treasury.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No vic-ing this time.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Bill Ellern): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 23,879 units to date, 513 units this period. Soda money: \$18,562.25 to date, \$513.00 for this period. Purchased paper towels, propane, and sundry other amenities.

Library (Warren "Whiskey" Johnson): Elayne: Nothing new.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): Marcia did not archive the chili from the chili cook-off but there is some in the fridge.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Electrician says our electricity is now legal. Thermostat will be replaced. We had a discussion about our high electricity bill and what options we had in making our bill lower. It was pointed out that if we came into the building early and the air conditioner was on, we should turn it off.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): On-going issue with some of Charlie Jackson's stuff.

Events (Eylat Poliner): Chili cook-off was a big

success. And the clubhouse was rented for a day in December. Eylat thanked everybody who brought chili. It was pointed out that more people than usual showed up on this Second Sunday and we collected a more than usual amount of dues. It was also pointed out that the judges were quite close in their judging of the individual entries. // There is a proposal for a grilled cheese throwdown. It was moved, seconded, and passed that we hold this affair on the second Sunday of December. This was passed with two abstentions. // LOSCON 39 (Christian): Membership is over 500 but room nights for the third week in a row are heavier than usual for this early. There is group – Living Social – will be getting a deal for some free promotions to their members. There was discussion about this group and how giving them this discount will help LOSCON and LASFS. Possible changes to LOSCON to advertise the club were discussed. Various discounts were discussed.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): On hiatus until after her wedding. Several things are on-temporary hold. There was also a discussion of having (and manning) tables advertising LOSCON and the club at various functions.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): Reported on Slice of Sci-Fi TV. They are now on-line with interviews with several club members.

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): No report.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): It is very quiet on the web front.

Open Forum:

Agenda Items:

Possibly using the club as a polling place. Money is paid for this. This was discussed. It was moved, seconded, and passed (with one abstention) that Karl and Eylat investigate this.

When is a calendar for a given year available for scheduling? When the physical calendar is available in December. There was a discussion about possibly putting preliminary items in our on-line calendar.

Arlene reminded people that we will be voting for Board Members in November. Procedural elections are in December. Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Mike

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, November 17, 2012, 7 PM
Saturday, December 15, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm.
House of the Prancing Skiltaire
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley
13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA 92844
(714) 539-6547

Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, Do-it-yourself burritos, ingredients provided. [Extras appreciated]

Directions: Thomas Guide Orange Co., page 798, C-7

Filk style: Guided Chaos

Notes:

1. Very limited crash space available; call ahead to see if it's possible.
2. There are no critters with more than two legs inside the house.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!!
5. There be computers here! (PC clones)

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

Thorsen, Marcia Minsky are those whose terms are expiring at the end of 2012.

Our next meeting will be November 11, 2012.

The Board moved into a closed session.

Take-Aways:

Eylat and Karl will investigate using the building for voting purposes.

Elayne will take care of the thermostat.

Rob will put a handle on Monstro's door.

Taken Away from previous meetings:

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**Letter of Comment:
Bjo**

I don't suppose there is any way to prevent "experts" on my life such as Hare Hobbs from giving erroneous information about me? I didn't do the costuming for Flesh Gordon, though I may have commented on it. I was the makeup artist.

We've not been to LASFS for some time because the one or two times we did come, people whom we knew virtually ignored us, and nobody made us welcome. So we went home.

Another reason for not coming to LASFS is the constant snipes at those of us who admit to liking SF on TV, whether it be Star Trek or any other watchable show. I have very clear memories of being considered a "traitor" for dealing with Star Trek. I was considered to have stepped away from "real" science fiction and was no longer a fan. That can finally hurt a bit, yanno?

Oh, and to add one more thing: Both John and I worked on the Save Star Trek campaign. I got all the media attention because of women's lib being the flavor of the month, while middle management John was ignored. But we both did as much work on it.

However, I don't expect anything but continuing legends, such as the one quoted about John being a radio announcer sometime in his past. That was worth a giggle. -- Bjo

I showed Hare Hobbs the part of your e-mail posting where you mentioned him giving erroneous information about you to the meeting. He passed this new information on to the club, saying that he was wrong. I just hope that he remembers it at your Saint's Day next year. - Marty

Bill Ellern
has resigned from the
Board of Directors.

A special election was held on November 8 to fill out the remainder of his term (which expires in 2013). Elected to fill out the balance of his term was:

Michelle Pincus

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Election

The regular election for the directors whose term of office expired at the end of 2012 was held on November 15, 2012. Elected to 3-year terms (expiring in 2015) were:

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