



APRIL 2015

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS - theme not finalized

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

APRIL 2 - Larry Lytle discusses his book /American Grotesque/
 APRIL 9 - Nothing scheduled at press time
 APRIL 16 - BIG Auction
 APRIL 23 - Nothing scheduled at press time.
 APRIL 30 - Tribute to Walt Lee, fantastic-film researcher

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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FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMING Meetup at LASFS
4:30 pm TO 11:00 pm

Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 506– April 2015. 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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.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.

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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 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.45. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

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January - June, 2015

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

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 4041, January 22, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4041 to order at 8:00, after telling us he intended to do just that.

We have some **Special Orders of Business**.

Eylat Poliner announced the passing of Eric Scott, in his sleep in his apartment. His friends had not been able to get hold of him, so they went to check on him.

Marty Cantor announced the impending deaths of the club's cockroaches. Spraying is scheduled for next week. We will be needing help Wednesday to empty the drawers and bottom parts of cabinets in the kitchen and anything near floor level in both bathrooms. On Thursday morning, spraying will occur. Those who wanted to help will be asked back four and a half hours after spraying to put everything back. Those who want to help, give Marty your e-mail tonight.

Bill Ellern had a friend who died in 07, Jinn Fain. This may have been mentioned at the time, but Bill just now

found out.

Bill Warren is out of the hospital.

Stan Burns is out of the hospital, but not doing well.

Welcome back to your club, Dr. Pournelle!!!

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Joan Steward bid \$3 to name them "Rest in peace, Eric P Scott" They were so accepted.

We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it. Feed the pig. Feed it early, feed it often.

Patron Saint Gail Selinger: Marty: if you watch a Discovery or Nat Geo show about pirates, there's a good chance you'll see Gail. She's an expert on pirates. Scratch: She also was the saintly companion of Frank Gasperik. She deserves sainthood on that point alone. Martin Young has hundreds of good things to say, known since 1978, and they're in the same pirate re-enactment group, and will convey good wishes. She's given him many a good talking to about things about which he is whining. She's now married to a sea captain, and she's doing very well.

From the hagiography: Gail is a published author of romance novels, and is a former New York City public school teacher.

became an active member in the '70s, Gail is a one-time partner of fan Frank Gasperik. Gail created "Coof", a typo of coffee so fans began coming up with recipes for coof.

Patron Saint Gail Selinger was given Three Cheers and a yo hearty yo ho ho!

Patron Saint Rick Sneary: Milt Stevens said he was a very well known letter hack in the pulps and fan publishing. He was known as Snarling Sneary, but he was much more amiable in person. They met at the first LASFS meeting Milt attended. Rick was given six months to live for forty years. Jerry Pournelle. He had one of the most interesting orthographies. His typos were original to say the least.

Marty Cantor; he was basically home schooled because he was too crippled to go to school. He wanted faneds to correct his spelling, but they liked his typos so well they left them in the letters of comment he wrote to fanzines.

From the Hagiography: Served as Director (what we used to call the President). Rick kept meticulous records during his terms as Treasurer and he donated work and cash during one of the club's unfortunate periods. Rick came up with slogan "South Gate in 58;" so, when LA in 58 occurred, as there were no hotel or con facilities in South Gate, the Mayor of Los Angeles allowed the Alexandria hotel in Los Angeles to be declared to be in South Gate for the duration of the con.

Rick's signature line was, "No more than two at a time!"

Rick was a Member of the Knights of Saint Fanthony.

Patron Saint Rick Sneary was given Three Cheers and a South Gate Convention.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced some guestszz; Jay Gerber smf Carmen Bruce.

Board Member Announcement: Elayne Pelz: for those champing at the bit to do taxes, she's finished the donation logs for 2014.

Committee Reports: David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. We have several moments of science.

From Lost and Found files: When you have a lost dog, you send fliers around town. The Beagle Two lander on Mars is a bit harder to locate. 11 years ago, the Beagle was to land and broadcast. (Curse you, Red Planet!)

We may be able to retrieve some lost works of literature. When Vesuvius erupted, it buried two cities. In one villa was a library. Scrolls were preserved but carbonized. X-ray technology can read some of the letters.

More articles are posted on the wall above the snacks table.

Elayne announced an announcement. \$4393 was turned over from LOSCON. We can turn the heater on for eight minutes. It was used to pay property taxes.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: CLJII: hearing about this on Facebook, the house that Bradbury wrote his stuff in, has been sold and demolished. Something wrecked this way comes. (*Who needs Facebook? This was announced (and shown) on television.* - ed.)

LA Times mentioned File 770.com.

The Center for Ray Bradbury Studies has acquired most of the stuff from his office.

Reviews: Milt Stevens finished the first four volumes of The Expanse Series, James S A Corey. (Daniel Abraham and Ty Frank) They write rip-roaring space opera. Lots of action, and publishers have contracted for 9 volumes. 1st volume was a 2009 Hugo nominee. 4th has made it to the NESFA list of best stuff for the year. Premise: it's a couple of hundred years from now, and they discover an object fired at Earth two billion years ago. They find a proto molecule that was supposed to hijack life on earth and do something with it. Recommended and fun.

CLJII reading biography called Hope, about Leslie Towns Hope, aka Bob. Well researched although author gets details of film plots wrong. In particular, Big Broadcast of 1948, about radio controlled ships crossing Atlantic.

Jerry Pournelle offers advice. If you ever decide to have a stroke, try to get to Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in San Fernando. When he first work up Monday morning and couldn't move this arm, you have to retrain your brain to move stuff. They are the best rehabilitators

he can think of. Obviously he's here, can sit up, can stand, his balance is somewhat the worse for the experience; he uses a walker and a wheelchair at home. He's not quite up to typing by touch, but he's getting there.

Gavin Claypool commented that Jerry is now typing better than Gavin does now.

George McUrso recommends if you're going to get sick, try Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. (*Well, that is only about a hundred miles from LASFS.* -ed.)

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller misced about picking up a shirt at Old Navy for \$1.50. If you're interested in the subject, there's an exhibition at Creature Features. Every genre is represented.

Joe Zeff was looking through his spam filter. Someone was offering to raise his IQ by 210 points. He declined to buy in, or even read the body of the message, so it must have worked.

Marcia reminded one and all to police their areas and put away chairs after the meeting.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Meeting 4042, January 29, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4042 to order at 8:00, after telling us he intended to do just that.

Special Orders of Business: Donald Moffitt has passed away. He wrote SF and mysteries.

Closer to home, Suzette Hagen Elgin passed a couple of days ago after a long illness.

So we had a moment of silence for these two.

Tom Locke announced that Beverly Kanter fell and broke her hip three weeks ago. She's in convalescent care undergoing therapy. She will need to relocate.

A crotchety old SF writer recovering from a stroke sent a letter.

Comments from the President: We're on agenda light.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. David Okamura bid \$5 name them "The Doctor is in. Hurray!" They were so accepted.

We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it. Feed the pig. Feed it early, feed it often.

Patron Saint Mike Luwish: From the hagiography: Mike bought his father a sainthood. All we know about Emil is that he raised a generous son. An old zine states

that Mike was remembered on his Saint's Day with "Three Cheers and some green cheese."

Patron Saint Mike Luwish was given Three Cheers and Funny, you don't look Luwish. (*That was a cheesy note.* - ed.)

Patron Saint Gary Louie: Scott Beckstead got drafted by Gary Louie to work Art Show at his first LOSCON, and he worked Art show for quite a while thereafter. Frank Waller: he would always have time to talk with him. Hare Hobbes: Frequently, the two of them would be racing back and forth at a con, and one or the other would nearly bash the other with a door speeding through.

Marty Cantor: He was a Lego enthusiast, but did not live long enough to see Legoland. He was such an interesting and bright person, so when he had a stroke and couldn't talk, he got on the computer and wrote down the problem, symptoms, and the fact that he couldn't talk, and printed out copies to give his boss, the doctor, and everyone along the way. Joe Zeff: He was elected to the Board of Directors as soon as he was eligible, and stayed a member of the Board until he died.

Scott Beckstead: Scott's first Smofcon, he drove to Gary's work to pick him up to get him to the flight but they missed the flight. They got the next plane. They had to make the connection in Denver, in the rain. Christian: Gary died shortly before the Gallifrey One that year. Half the con abandoned their posts to attend the funeral, including those at the top.

From the hagiography: Gary was elected to the Board of Directors the very first election for which he was eligible and remained on the board the rest of his life. He was the club librarian and the first person elevated to Sainthood posthumously. Gary served on staff or committee on most LOSCONs from 1987 through 1998, the 1996 Worldcon, both Los Angeles Westercons, and many Gallifrey One cons

Gary was considered part of the "Permanent Floating Worldcon Committee" and he helped with Bouchercon. Gary was an Evans-Freehafer Award honoree. He was a collector of LEGO® toys, particularly trains and he was a Collector of Books.

Matthew: He was an expert bibliographer, supplying lists of books for guests of honor. Christian: including James White, Worldcon guest. Marcia; Gary brought the modified Hong Kong version of Mah Jong to LASFS, and it's still played today.

Patron Saint Gary Louie was given Three Cheers and a Lego Mah Jong set!

Board Member announcement: The cockroaches refused to pay dues: so Marty Cantor (with the assistance of Barbara Harmon and Mike Thorson), removing stuff from shelves was accomplished and the guy from Dewey showed up to spray, and the roaches have been con-

trolled. Rat bait stations have been fed from. So the al-fresco rat buffets are doing a brisk business.

Committee Reports: David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. We note the passing of Charles Towns, physicist, the co-inventor of maser and laser. He was 99, measured with atomic clock precision. He made contributions to astrophysics in the 1970s, by figuring out how to collect light from multiple telescopes. /// Kepler satellite has discovered Kepler 444, an 11-billion-year old solar system. /// We had a monster blizzard that missed New York City and snowed Boston. There had been sightings of a yeti. It was someone dressed up in fur from head to bigfoot.

Registrar Ed Hooper introduced guests, Demetrius Polycou, Allison Hochman, and Max Warner.

Also, we've had issues. If you didn't put an item into the refrigerator, don't take it out. We don't do open stock in the fridge.

Miscellaneous: Tom Locke has one urgent miscellaneous item. Stephen King, 11/22/63, has to do with the assassination of JFK. More SF than horror, having to do with a man whose friend found a natural time portal that goes to 1958. It invokes Butterfly Effect, Law of Unintended Consequences, and when you try to change the past, the past fights you. And Christine is in the story.

Jerry Pournelle has two interesting end of the world stories. 1) Stephen Hawking and Bill Gates believe AI will end human civilization. He and DeChancie are working on a story with a dangerous AI in it. 2) every 500 million years or so, every planet gets bathed with gamma radiation from a nearby exploding star in its vicinity. Truth not known, source not known, but there it is. Look it up at jerryPournelle.com

Marcia reminded one and all to police their areas and put away chairs after the meeting.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Meeting 4043, February 5, 2045
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4043 to order at 8:00.

The **Menace** from the last meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$2 to name them "the peak of perfection" They were so accepted.

We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it. We have just received a donation of \$500 from SMOFcon in exchange for the use of some of our equipment.

Feed the pig. Feed it early, feed it often.

Pay your yearly dues.

Patron Saint Frank Waller: Elayne: He just gave us money. Matthew Tepper: He's one of the people in the club who enjoys cars, and informs us of events. Scratch: He has done a very good presentation of a Star Trek character, Mudd. First time he did it was quite nice. Joe Zeff: He financed his patron sainthood by donating neat things to eat.

Jerry Pournelle: for the fun we have making fun of Frank, no one has ever asked him to do anything he didn't do. Michelle Pincus: He has a great sense of humor!

From the hagiography: At one time was a Star Trek costumer who appeared as Harry Mudd and he has donated edibles, stuffies, and wisecracks to the club. Frank livens up club auctions with wacky bids and when he was a Charles's Chips rep, he would often entertain us with the bizarre seasonal potato chip flavors that were offered. Frank is a classic car guy.

Patron Saint Frank Waller was given Three Cheers and potato flavored potato chips.

Patron Saint Albert Sheean: Michelle Pincus: He's an amazingly intelligent person, an amateur paleontologist, helps around club and at conventions, working logistics for ISL cons. Scratch: He knows a lot about motorcycles, having rebuilt several, likes explosives, had a large collection of large cartridges. Every so often he comes up with an inquiry, and Albert has an answer. US Army, artillery corps Germany.

From the hagiography: One of the purchaser and deliverer of donuts for a while. He and his daughter Krystal Mae are wonderful additions to the club. He's always good for a good story in the library and he enjoys good beer. He's an amateur paleontologist.

Patron Saint Albert Sheean was given Three Cheers and a manga!

Patron Saint Mike Glycer: Tepper: pleased to know him for more than 40 years. Publisher of *Scientifricton* and *File 770* fanzines. Francis Hamit: Made a living as a writer, and Mike is one of the most professional editors he knows. File 770 has become a major trade magazine for the community, and he keeps it up out of his own pocket. Scratch: He spells better than I do.

Jerry Pournelle: Keeping the old fanzine tradition alive and very well, too. Marty Cantor: He actually concentrates on fans rather than pros. He is one of the more interesting and funny scribes we've had, and one of the most difficult to edit. What do you cut out to make space? And to make it even more amazing, he wrote out his minutes in longhand and read back without editing the following week. He's been one of my best friends in fandom, and worked with me on Corflu 9, along with Robbie, the Pelzes, Don Fitch, and others. Milt Stevens: Mile is eligible for best fanwriter and best fanzine, which you can read online.

Matthew Tepper: When I say he pays attention to fans, he really does. One issue of File 770, front page had 2 items, one of which was announcement of Stewart Shiffman and his spouse, and a report on Matthew Tepper and Debra Levin's wedding. On honeymoon, wound up in Sacramento for Westercon, and 5-6 people came up to us, saw name badges, and said "Oh yes, I read File 770. Congratulations!"

Jerry Pournelle: He made an excellent character in *Fallen Angels*. Marty Cantor: He's the one government IRS agent we all like.

From the hagiography: Winner of multiple Hugo awards for his fanzine *File 770*. As secretary, inserted humorous comments into the minutes

[*Oh dear. Whoever thinks he started this doesn't remember Harness minutes.* - Karl]

Worldcon chair, Works for the Internal Revenue Service.

Patron Saint Mike Glycer was given Three Cheers and a Hibernian in your back yard!

Substitute Registrar Michelle Pincus announced a lack of guests. (*So, if Michelle was Substitute Registrar, why did she not announce Substitute guests?* - ed.)

Board announcements: There will be a Board meeting Sunday

Marty had an announcement about the Meetup gaming group that has been gaming at the club.

Committee Reports: David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**.

You may have heard that NASA launched a weather satellite from Vanderberg to measure moisture in soil. (*So who needs a satellite to do that when one can just stick a finger in the dirt and find that information.* - ed.)

Other satellite news: Dawn satellite is getting close to Ceres, getting photos of craters

You may recall hearing that H Sap and H neanderthalis may have interbred. One of those crossbreeds may have been found in a cave in Galilee. (*It seems to me that we need not look any farther afield than the LASFS' clubhouse.* - ed.)

Researchers got a photo of a rare red fox in Yosemite. It clutched its heart and said "I'm Coming, Elizabeth!!!" Matthew Tepper said the appearance a century before was a 20th Century Fox.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Francis Hamit announced that Leigh Strother-Vien is having surgery. No details will be forthcoming, but it's fairly serious.

He's still working on the film Christopher Marlowe. Said he, "We're a real film company; we have a t-shirt." Film is

coming along, and they will soon get an interim certification from the British government which can be leveraged into funding. Check it out on Facebook, like it if you can. Leigh owns 47% of the company. Francis is not in the cast, so he doesn't get the chance to Hamit up.

Reviews: Scratch had a review: he got done reading a *Soulless*, a book by Gail Carriger, the first book in the *Parasol Protectorate* series.

Registrar emeritus Michelle Pincus welcomed Christian Lindke.

Miscellaneous: Joe Zeff received an interesting letter from VA. /Found two occasions when he went down to VA, eligible for travel reimbursement but not received. Also received paperwork. The letter closed with the phrase, "Thank you for servicing your country."

CLJII told of a recent phone call with Harlan Ellison. He was in a humble mood, and said he was willing to come if we'd have him. Charlie said, "Well, we let Jerry Pournelle come, so you're welcome."

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Meeting 4044, February 12, 2015 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe in absentia

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4044 to order at 8:00.

Special Orders of Business. We have lost a beloved writer Melanie Tem.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Scratch bid \$1.25 to name them "Debra did it" They were so accepted.

A separate SOB: Len Wein is recovering well after serious heart surgery. Reports have been favorable.

We do have some money in the treasury: There's been a lot of income, but also a lot of outgo. You can't spend any of it.

Patron Saint Craig Miller: Matthew Tepper: A close friend, and both have been members of LASFS for about the same length of time. He's one of those media fans who made good in the Industry. Marty Cantor: For a long time it seemed he'd be Hotel Liaison in Perpetuity, since he was very good at the job. Craig was a BNF when Marty joined in 75. A good person. CLJII: Back in the old days, after the first flush of exuberance on his part, there was a period of 4-5 years when he faded away from the club. He and CLJII would get together to see films. After seeing *Singing in the Rain* and *Casablanca* in the same weekend, they made a point of emerging from the *Casablanca* theater whistling *Singing in the Rain*.

Craig was employed by the Egg Company handling fan

interactive publicity for *The Empire Strikes Back*. He expanded convention-related publicity for several producers. He and Marv Wolfman are partners in WolfMill entertainment.

Matthew Tepper: He has always been a presence in the club. He used to have a huge mop of wayward hair, but he has changed that over the years. Now, all he needs is to be sitting in a chair and stroking a fluffy white cat to complete the picture. He and his wife keep cats, and keep them very well. **CLJII:** He was Chairman of the Board for many years.

From the hagiography: Makes a living from genre-related activities (writer, producer, et cetera) and has worked for Lucas Films and Henson. He has chaired many cons and helped put on the first two Star Trek conventions in LA. Craig Co-chaired the '84 Worldcon and won first prize for his table-setting at the L.A. County Fair.

Patron Saint Craig Miller was given Three Cheers and a wookiee.

Registrar: We seem to have no guests now, a guest named Brendon Purlow visited on Friday. Member David Pass was visiting this evening.

Mike Thorson expressed disappointment at the presence of people bringing beverages and sharing them with members, undercutting income from the soda machine. It has been noticed that items have been caused to disappear from the refrigerator, even items labeled with someone else's name. The Board has considered removing the refrigerator if this continues.

Committee Reports: David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. Val Fitch who won a Nobel prize for finding an imbalance in the laws of nature has died.

After three tries, SpaceX has managed to launch its satellite, a satellite capable of viewing the entire planet at once. NASA Unfortunately, the landing barge was too tempest-tossed to serve as a viable landing pad.

CLJII mentioned a group that is proposing that there was no Big Bang, and the universe has existed forever.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Gavin Claypool: Leigh's surgery is being delayed a few weeks. This is a good sign; it's not that urgent.

Tepper: It turns out Disneyland shares a birthday with Matthew's mother. (1915) The 60th anniversary will be July 17 of this year. (*The De Prof editor first went to Disneyland a month after it opened. He did not meet Matthew's mother there.* - ed.)

Debra Levin reminded one and all to police their areas and put away chairs after the meeting.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Board of Directors Meeting February 8 2015 Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke Board Secretary, Marty Cantor

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, Gavin Claypool, Christian McGuire, Elayne Pelz, Mike Thorsen, Michelle Pincus, Warren "Whisky" Johnson, and Nick Smith. (Rob Powell had an excused absence.)

Members and Guests: Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Eylat Poliner, Heide Nichols, Martin Young, Joe Zeff, Robbie Bourget, Ed Hooper, Tim Griffin, Matthew B. Tepper, Frank Waller, Tom Safer, David Okamura.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, February 8th, meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of December 14th, 2014 were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were 11 applications for membership: Scott Rosendall, Edwin Osborne, Diane Osborne, Lisa Kottler, Austin Bowers, Russell Bernhardt, Marisia Powers, Art FitzSimmons, Linda FitzSimmons, Ron Johnson, and Chris Venuti. They were all accepted unanimously.

Board Officers: The current officers were re-elected to their current offices. Karl Lembke was re-elected Chairman, Christian McGuire was reelected as Vice-Chairman, Gavin Claypool was re-elected Comptroller, and Marty Cantor was re-elected as Secretary. Other duties for Board members were discussed and Nick Smith (who was congratulated on his election to the Board as a new member) was given the Events portfolio. Milt Stevens was thanked for his service. // There was a discussion of fundraising with the Comptroller being the Board member in charge of this.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): (See agenda.)

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): This time I brought the correct computer for this meeting instead of the wrong one like last time. And, also, my recorder.

Publications (Marty Cantor): I have been working with Barry Gold about a splash page for our web site. Barry will report on this in his part of the meeting.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): (This was actually a library report.) Working on going through the magazines and now that the holidays are over the pace has picked up.

Lafa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. see notes
The House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John, Mary, Devon and Richard Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA
(310) 329-6772

Pre-filk dinner: 5 pm, New York Deli
2424 Sepulveda Bl., Torrance, CA
Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!

Directions to filksite: See Thomas Guide L.A. CO. page 733 grid E-7 .

TYPE OF CIRCLE: -TBD- & Theme basket-John and/or Mary will be Demighod.

Notes:

1. Much crash space available; call to reserve yours; bring sleeping gear in case we run out of beds.
2. Children welcomed on good behavior.
3. Bring all your usual filk stuff.
4. **NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!**
5. There is a piano, it's playable but very old and tuned a hair under 440.
6. There be computers here! (PC clones). **THEY WILL BE IN HIBERNATION** for the night except for song archiving. 'Tis a filksing, not a bytebash.
7. There is a copier available; slight cost to cover supplies.
8. The last survivors will be conscripted into cleaning up the remains.
9. Random Factors will be open for business.
10. There are no pets with more than two legs.

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

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Over the last two months: 520 units bringing in \$520.00. Total units to date: 32,018, and total monies to date: \$26,800.00.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): We have a library. We have had a large donation of books.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Nothing new.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Not present - nobody else had anything to report in this area.

Events (Nick Smith): Was in Pacific Northwest and advertised LOSCON and WESTERCON. // Marcia reported on LOSCON 42. A lot was accomplished at its first meeting last Sunday. 40+ people were in attendance. (Next LOSCON meeting will be March 29 at 1 pm.)

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee

(Michelle Pincus): No report. Tim Griffin will be reporting later.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Kept Programming head from previous President - and Harlan Ellison will be on the programme on March 26.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): We are working on a splash page for our web site. The idea of this new splash page was to make it very simple so that visitors to the site will immediately know where they have arrived with a link taking them inside.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Furry and six-legged non-members (MC): Report on roach spraying. Three of us, Barbara Harmon, Mike Thorsen, and Marty Cantor, moved stuff out of the kitchen and both bathrooms on Wednesday evening so that the Dewey Pest Control person could spray the building for cockroaches on Thursday morning. We moved the items back again 4 hours after the spraying. The Dewey representative also checked the bait stations set out for rats. He said the bait is being eaten so there are still rats in the neighborhood but not all of them are still alive - and none of them are getting inside.

LOSCON final Statement (EP): \$4300+ turned over to club from the last LOSCON. Attendance (1040 warm bodies 1105 total membership.)

LASFS financial statement (EP): Elayne reported on the finances for the past year.

LASFS budget for 2015 (EP): We have had some donations to the club from a few sources. Moved, seconded, and passed to approve the budget as amended.

Forry Award Certificate (EP): The award to Tim Powers was shown by Elayne.

Payment of Loan (EP): Elayne is paying \$1,000 on our loan.

LOSCON bid(s): Heide Nichols presented the first bid proposal. // Michelle Pincus presented the second bid proposal. Both proposals, meeting the requirements, were accepted and forwarded to the club.

Tim Griffin (on fundraising) (MP): Applying to the Annenberg foundation for fundraising, Tim mentioned the requirements and how the process worked. (The final result is a \$10,000 grant.) The Board expressed interest in this. Final result is a POSSIBLE \$10,000 grant. But we will gain a tremendous amount of knowledge that will help the LASFS in many areas.

Change of refrigerator rules (MP): The problem of people taking things from the refrigerator was discussed. We mentioned the open stock shelf. New signage on refrigerator was discussed.

The next meeting of the Board will be on March 8, 2015.

OPEN FORUM:

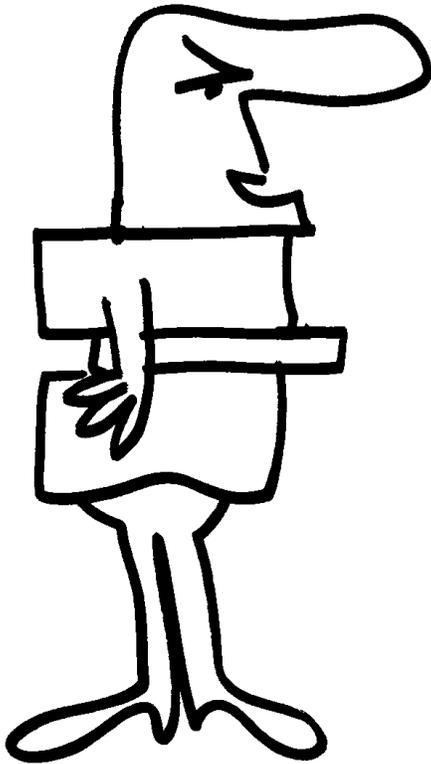
Eylat started a discussion about proxy voting.

Gavin started a discussion about publicity. Possibly establishing a Publicity Committee with the problem that in the past this always devolved into one person doing everything. This morphed into a discussion about involving members in doing things and the continuing problem of old-timers doing everything and not getting new members involved in working on things.

Mike Thorsen brought up the problem of free drinks with members bringing large containers of soda, lemonade, and such-like things so that the members do not buy drinks from the soda-dispensing machine, costing the club money it could otherwise get. A consensus seemed to develop that members could bring in drinks for themselves but not make these drinks available to anybody else during dues-paying events. At events where the organizers are paying the club for use of the premises, their payments allow them to provide beverages to their attendees if they so desire.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any LASFS' dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

IN EFFECT WITH THIS EDITION OF DE PROFUNDIS - THERE IS A DECREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE ZINE, REVERTING TO ITS PREVIOUS, 10-PAGE SIZE.

The price, however, will remain the same as it is now. The previous time I raised my printing prices was in 2011. Since that time I have had 4 increases in the price of toner; and, nowadays, good deals on the price of paper are very few. As it is, this price is approximately 10¢ below cost.

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