



FEBRUARY 2016

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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 - FW-EMs: Salute to actress Coleen Gray.

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

FEBRUARY 4 - E-publishing; how to. Lecture by Francis Hamit and Leigh Strother-Vien
FEBRUARY 11 - No programme
FEBRUARY 18 - BIG AUCTION.
FEBRUARY 25 - "My Favorite Book", a speech by Tim Powers.

ADVANCE!

31 MARCH -- Presentations and voting for LOSCON 44 (2017).

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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THE SECOND SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE WILL COMMENCE AT NOON**

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 516- February 2016. 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.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

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

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
January - June, 2016

President: Gavin Claypool. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Jeromy Miller. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2016), Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whisky. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **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:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

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 ____

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 4082, November 5, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper monkeyed around at 8:00 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read. Jerry Pournelle bid \$1 to name the minutes "You started it for a long time then made the wrong decision"

We held a Small Auction.

Patron Saint Woody Dodge Woody joined us for his Patron Saints day. There was a Round of Applause for making it here. Mark: Wishes he had a name as cool as Woody Dodge. Matthew Tepper: Woody is an old friend, and despite his name, he did a commercial for Subaru. Matthew's first 2 cars were Subarus. Woody gave him advice on repairs or improvements. Wonderful resource, good friend, veteran. Glad to know him. Delighted to have him here. Michelle - Woody bid \$2 at the auction and won the item.

Patron Saint Woody Dodge was given Three Cheers

and “a reliable ride.”

Guests: We have a New Member, Tom (the minutes do not list his last name) but there were no guests.

Treasurer’s Report: A Treasurer’s Report was read. for details please see the Treasurer.

Old Business: Nominations for members of the LASFS’ Board of Directors.

Members whose terms of office were expiring

Karl Lembke
Marty Cantor
Marsha Minsky
Warren Whiskey Johnson

Nominations:

Marty Cantor nominated Karl Lembke (who accepted). Karl is one of the better, low key, getting-the-job-done chairman that we have had in a long time.

Milt Stevens nominated Marsha Minsky (who accepted). Investigations have proven nothing, so she must be pretty good. Marsha says she’s only missed 2 meetings and been on board 8 years now. Her role is archivist, getting things up and she wants to continue.

Barbara Harmon nominated Marty Cantor (who accepted). He’s very hardworking and interfaces with so many different groups and keeps us all going. Marty - (Grump) I have been Secretary of the Board for quite a while, now. I record minutes for Board meetings. I also oversee publications (which includes our web site).

Gavin Claypool nominated Debra Levin (who accepted). She has become a very active member and is the current Procedural Vice President who sees that we have a well functioning Open House on Friday nights.

Michelle moved to close the nominations.

Charlie Jackson told the members that when the number of candidates equals the number of spots available, the election is technically over. We will auction off the color of the ballots next week.

Moment of Science, with David Okamura: Announced that Florida State assistant Professor along with collaborators may have come up with material used for artificial photosynthesis. Trying to come up with this for years. Plants use chlorophyll to transform water and carbon dioxide into carbohydrates for fuel. Efficiency is max 2%. Researchers found that using layers of magnesium oxide with photons would be sufficient to excite electrons of water molecules, causing them to separate into hydrogen and oxygen. Added twist- If hydrogen and oxygen is combined with carbon dioxide and special bacteria, microbes, then we have methane - the main part of natural gas. And if we have hydrogen, mix to hythane, which burns cleaner. Estimated the efficiency of this process goes to 20%. Who knows what long term results could be. Estimate they could have something in 5 years. Could become energy sufficient on this. Might replace fracking?

OPEC nations are dependant on petrol exports so this could disrupt their economies. Matthew Tepper: We could make the Arabs drink their oil.

A researcher in Caltech was examining the cosmic microwave background recordings by the European space telescope and comparing them to the normal night sky and noticed an anomaly - a certain glow. This was the last vestiges of the big bang, energy signatures created shortly after universe began, and it tends to be faint and fairly constant. This spot has a different energy signature. This leads to an interesting hypothesis of the original and could be evidence of matter nudged in from outside. Might be the first possible evidence of a parallel universe. Nudge. Things came through during the rip. It might not be alone.

Larry Niven: Marilyn and Larry were watching Late Night with Stephen Colbert. There was an interview with Neil de Grasse Tyson. Stephen raises the question of a heavy star surrounded by masses that block sunlight, can’t figure it out. Neil deGrasse Tyson, just because you don’t know what it is, doesn’t mean it’s alien. Stephen pulls out a copy of Ringworld and started giving parameters of spin. Larry had sent Stephen a copy of Ringworld.

CLJII: Stephen did do a call out to Larry by name on the show. // Went under laser last Thursday. Ophthalmic science is making huge leaps and bounds. Took less than 10 minutes. Fell asleep on the operating table.

Reviews: Bill Green: Went to Planetary Society open house, moved to larger building, bank branch in downtown Pasadena. Good reception. Saw Michelle there.

We adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Meeting 4083, November 12, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper spoke the words *Fiat Meeting* at: 7:59 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read and passed and then were named after receiving \$3 from Michelle, “No politics here.”

The **Registrar** reported no guests in attendance.

Patron Saint Milt Stevens: Scratch—Milt has a good understanding of fannish history. Eylat—Milt is a gentleman, one of the few left in this club, always polite and a pleasure to have around. Maryann—Milt was generous enough to donate furniture, the couches in the other room, and is a Hell player.

CLJII—Back in the halcyon days of yore, when Ed Bookman contributed to zines, Epitome of Evil Ltd. Consisted of Fred Patten, Susan Fox, Bruce Pelz and Milt Stevens. “We rob from the rich and give to the poor...minus 10%... each.” Joe Zeff—Longtime Hell player, plays 1 game a week because things go wrong in the second game Jerry

Pournelle—Many years ago, Jerry put on the first space development conference. Milt was co-chair. It's still going, even though it wasn't supposed to be annual event.

Matthew B. Tepper—Milt encouraged him to grow up, and is witty. Milt published a dry witty zine called *The Passing Parade*. Milt also co-chaired the 1984 Worldcon. CLJII—Milt Stevens has precisely twice the wit of many LASFS members. (*Nah - it is just that most of the LASFS members have only half the wit of Milt's.* - ed.)

From the Hagiography: First chairman of the LASFS Board of Directors. Has chaired or co-chaired Worldcon, Westercon, LOSCON, and LA 2000 (the 1975 convention that spawned LOSCON) and is a founder of SCIFI. Helped run the L5 Conference and is a fanwriter and publisher. Milt is a retired civilian employee of the Los Angeles Police Department. Milt appears as the police lieutenant in *Lucifer's Hammer*.

Patron Saint Milt Stevens was given Three Cheers and a fanzine Hugo.

Patron Saint John Trimble: Scratch—he made the good choice of marrying Bjo. Jerry Pournelle—John is the only man Jerry ever met who sold rope for a living—Matthew Tepper—Not only have John and Bjo been heavily involved in fandom for many years, but they are also involved in the SCA. Milt—John was nominated for a Hugo for a LASFS fanzine about 55 years ago. Scratch—Bjo did costumes for *Flesh Gordon*. Milt—*Flesh Gordon* was edited down to PG because it was better than it started out. Nick Smith—John owned an offset press and used it for fannish publications. (*I know not about any offset press but my first Gestetner mimeo machine was purchased from John.* - ed.)

Patron Saint John Trimble was given Three Cheers and a shout-out to his missing father.

Patron Saint Eylat Poliner: Ben Levin—she makes some of the best chocolate chip cookies he's ever had, and paid the quarter for his pun fine. Scratch—Eylat has the advantage of being married to a reasonably nice man. She joined the club as a teenager. CLJII—Eylat has done an excellent job of calming down her husband Mark. Frank Waller—Worked with Eylat on con suite, and found her to be a sound, supervisory leader in that setting. Debra Levin—Eylat is one of the most kindhearted people she knows. Works very hard. Runs some of the best con suites, and is always willing to help out. Known her since Debra was a young teen. Joan—Forgets how long they've known each other, but views her as a cohort in going out to tea and getting in trouble.

CLJII—One of the things Eylat is good at is stepping up to help out. Helps with food for club events.

Matthew Tepper—Eylat and Mark did the catering for his and Debra's wedding reception, budgeted to within 89 cents. Barbara Harmon—She was warned that Eylat was a scary authoritarian, but actually they worked well together. Bill Ellern—Eylat has one very unusual talent: if you are ever entangled in trying to get an organization moving, she is the person to go to. She helped Bill with

Kaiser Permanente. Michelle—Eylat was hosting the Silly Party at ConDigeo, which is how they met. Introduced Michelle to Charles Justiz. Hare—Eylat gets things done by getting other people to do things. Jerry Pournelle—Eylat is the only president of LASFS he can remember ever throwing a member out of a meeting...it was Jerry. (*That is what Jerry remembers. It turns out that Ed Green threw out Alan Frisbee out of a meeting - and it was Alan Frisbee's Saint's night.* - ed.)

Anna Poliner—Eylat is a leader and not afraid to speak her mind. Mark Poliner—18+ years ago, Eylat said "I do," and he's been puzzled by that ever since. Eylat married him for his cooking. Persevering through ups and downs, and an annoying daughter [who was still in the room and made a loud noise about this]. An all-around great woman.

Patron Saint Eylat Poliner was given Three Cheers and chocolate.

Treasurer's Report: See the treasurer for the details.

We held a small auction.

Old Business: CLJII took command of the Board of Directors election stuff, which consists of the auction for the color of the ballot as, last week, there were only 4 nominations for the 4 now-empty Board positions so all 4 nominees were considered to be elected.

Nick bid \$6 to name the ballot "Alazarian Crimson, in honor of the passing of Donovan's drummer, Fast Eddie Hoh." This may be a new record for the length of the ballot color name...

Reviews:

Milt points out that this year's Retro Hugos are for the year 1940. Two of the eligible books were by L. Ron Hubbard, including *Final Blackout*. Milt then reviewed the book. Better than average military SF. *Typewriter in the Sky* also eligible. An author writes his friend into a story, and the friend finds himself actually living the story, in which things work on story logic. This is a parody of pulp fiction cliches.

Nick reviewed *Saturn Run* by John Sandford and Ctein. Very good hard SF in the same genre as *The Martian*. It had an unusually believable alien first encounter, as well as solid, convincing science, which is what Ctein was brought in to provide.

Miscellaneous:

Francis Hamit—Mike Donohue has made the situation possible for the Marlowe movie deal, along with the possible producer.

We adjourned to the program at: 9:10.

Meeting 4084, November 19, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Minutes of the LASFS

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting into meeting at: 8:00 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. They were named: David Okamura bid 50 cents to name the them, "I'm not paying any more than that for a meeting I hadn't attended."

Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum: Joe Zeff: Never met him, but heard of the funny spellings of his name. CLJII: Jim is a sound engineer for movies and TV. He used to come around to movie days. Hare: One of the things he worked on was Avatar. Matthew B. Tepper: Nice guy, he would scorn movies while his significant other watched them.

From the hagiography and scribal research: He was an APA-L contributor. Old minutes note, "He was given three cheers and a fir coat." He has been a professional sound technician and mixer for TV and movies. His work with James Cameron led him to be interviewed as an expert for Dennis Fischer's book about science fiction directors. He was nominated for an Emmy in 2003 for his work on "Live from Baghdad." He sometimes used the pseudonym "James Evergreen."

Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum was given Three Cheers and an O, Tanenbaum. Matthew Tepper said, "Yule be sorry" and fined himself.

Guests: Juliette Wheel, from Altadena, heard about the club from a member.

Time-Bound Announcements: As part of the annual worldwide Tellabration storytelling event, Nick Smith will be part of a storytelling show at the Elderberries Café, 7564 Sunset in Hollywood, on Sunday night at 7 pm.

Committee reports: Marcia reminded people that LOSCON is next week.

The Board of directors reminds people that LOSCON bids will be examined at the January board meeting. CLJII reminds people that you need a Chairman, hotel liaison, treasurer and weapons policy.

Treasurer's Report: (See the Treasurer for details of this report.)

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. You may have heard earlier reports of an extra chamber in King Tut's tomb. Researchers did a scan of likely places, and found signs of something beyond one wall of the tomb. Similar scans are being done at Giza, and there is an anomaly along the eastern wall of the great pyramid, which might indicate a hidden chamber.

European Space Agency's Rosetta project is nearing the end of its comet mission. So, the ESA will crash-land the Rosetta onto the comet in slow motion, to get a last batch

of data. This will probably lock Rosetta onto the comet, but it is not expected to be functional by the comet's next approach.

We adjourned to the auction at: 8:50 pm, along with an Aetna warning.

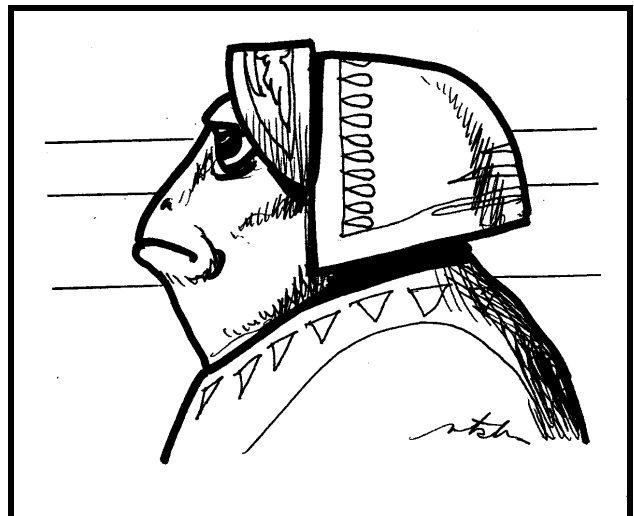
Meeting 4085, November 27, 2015 Marty Cantor, presiding Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

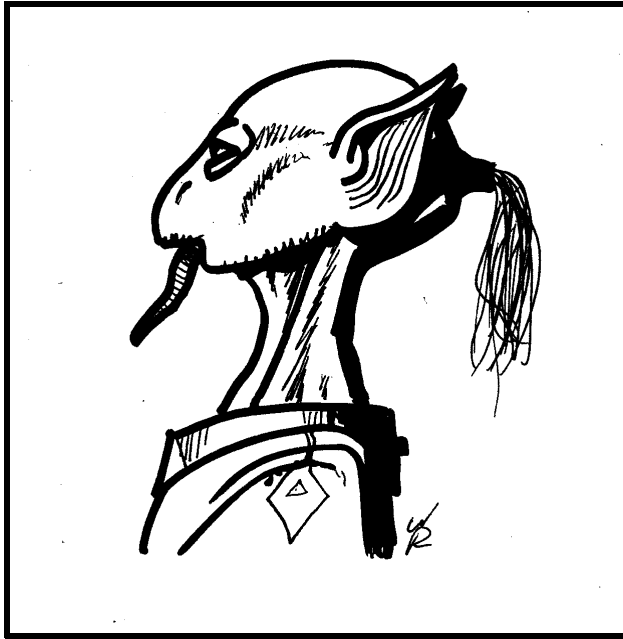
Marty Cantor filling in for President Matthew Tepper was very thankful that people showed up at: 8:00 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and Scott Rosendall bid .50 cents to name the minutes "The universe expands." (*So does my stomach expand after a Turkey Dinner - and I expect my stomach does a better job of digesting that tasty bird than does the universe.* - ed.)

Patron Saint Frank Gasperik: Marty: Frank palled around with Jerry and Larry. Frank would often get free drinks by playing his guitar. Mark Schirmeister: Frank was a free spirit, one of the first he ever met. He and his girlfriend, Gail Selinger, bought a hibachi grill and cooked dinners at the first clubhouse. Frank is a major character in Footfall. Tom Locke: Frank often came up with brilliant ideas and he came up with ideas for Larry and Jerry novels. Came up with idea that people would call aliens them Snouts because of the way their snouts worked (Footfall). Shirm - He has one regret: at one of the first parties he held, he invited Frank and several people were there who warned Shirm not to let Frank pull out a guitar and sing. Shirm has always regretted stopping him from singing. Later he heard him sing and play guitar.

Scott Rosendall: never met the man, but he can identify with being censored at a party. Marty: Frank was living in Arizona for the last decade or so. Frank wanted his Saints Night to be when LOSCON was held because that is when he comes into town. Were he still alive, he would





be here. Shirm - LASFS used to have picnics, one of the first he went to was in Griffith Park and Frank was there. They walked to the Planetarium, and Frank was lively and really enjoyed himself, everyone else was dutiful about the trip, but Frank really enjoyed hiking up there. Marty: You always knew he was around, one way or another, usually nicely.

Patron Saint Frank Gasperik was given Three Cheers "and playing the guitar wherever he is, (even though he's now ashes)."

Guests: None.

Committee reports:

The Committee to hold the Gift Exchange on Friday, December 11th held the Gift Exchange Gift Exchange on Friday, Dec 11th to the surprise of absolutely no-one and the consternation of a few.

(It being a small meeting with few agenda items we read out the following. - ed.)

Upcoming Programs:

- December 3: Presidential nominations
- December 10: Procedural officer elections
- December 11: Gift exchange
- December 17: Big Auction
- December 24: probably no program
- December 25: Winter holiday party
- December 31: Best SF film of 1940

Old Business- None

New Business - none

Reviews - none

Miscellaneous - none

(Having gotten rid of a surplusage of "none's" we ---

Adjourned at: 8:25 pm.

Meeting 4086, December 3, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

President Matthew B. Tepper called the meeting to order at: 8:00 pm.

Special order of Business: Daniel E. Kaufman - Life lost in despicable shooting in San Bernardino - man known to several in Renaissance Faires, member of our greater fannish community

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read and Marsha Minsky bid \$2.25 cents to name the minutes "And a song from Frank's 12 stringed guitar named baby."

Treasurer's Report - There is money in the treasury - see Treasurer for details.

Committee reports: Marty Cantor - the LASFS' Gift Exchange is next Friday! The Gift Exchange movie was shown.

Board of Directors- Will be having a January meeting in 2016 and no February meeting. At the January meeting, LOSCON bids will be reviewed.

Elaine - LOSCON is selling off soda.

New Years Day - 12:00 pm -10:00 pm board games and fun.

Guests: Kirill Kiselev - Los Angeles, learned about LASFS from Kristen, writes science fiction. Interested in all science fiction. Gamer, artist, media fan, writer. Occupation - writer.

Patron saint Marty Massoglia:

Hare Hobbes - in the process of reading Northstralia, Marty said it was poorly edited into a novel from novels, so he brought Hare the 3 readers digests with novels to read. Marty could find any book or anything if you asked or he thought you wanted it Milt Stevens - they were hanging out at some convention and ran across Frank Bridge, whose last sale was in 1928 and Marty proceeded to tell Frank what is was he published - his knowledge was encyclopedic.

Nick Smith - most knowledgeable book dealer in any field, Marty helped club the to contact long lost authors to get to conventions like LOSCON. Marty knew where the authors were and how to find them. Joe Zeff - there is a Harlan Ellison short novel that Harlan hates and is trying to destroy, Marty is trying to get 13 to destroy and will get rid of 12 of them if Harlan will autograph the last one. CLJII - Marty ran a fine bookstore in Winnetka, had to close his brick and mortar store and went online. He now lives near the gates of hell and does reasonably well

with his online bookshop and brings it to LOSCON. (*Actually, he brings some of his books, not his bookshop to the con.* - ed.) Marty always complains about how bad LOSCON is, telling Charles about it since 1985, I still wish we had more cons like LOSCON 11. His is a fine fellow and Charles gets along with him reasonably well, nice chats.

Gavin - When Marty lived out here and before he got busy with family and bookstores he was a better Hell player, a mean Tetris player, and does Tetris with a 15 ft van and bookcases at every convention. Marty's first convention was a 300 person affair in 1965 in London, the 2nd Worldcon held in London. Half were well established pros. He met George Scithers who invited him to stop by in Frankfurt Germany. Joe Zeff - Marty is quite happy to tell you everything he considers wrong with the way the Dealer's Room is laid out and won't take over the job of running the Dealer's Room so that he could run it the way he thinks it should be done.

Jerry Pournelle - Marty had one of the last science fiction bookstores and he walked there once a week as it was a favorite spot of his. Lost money on both of them. Larry and Jerry invested in each one of his bookstores. Scratch - when Marty and wife were trying to come up with seed money for a bookstore wwent after small contributors, and Scratch is a small contributor. They went from 1 to almost 4 bookstores before they finally closed. Matthew Tepper - misses him and Alice very much. Glad to see them last week. Sometimes they make it to the Paperback Show in Glendale. He hopes to see them there again.

Patron Saint Marty Massoglia was given Three Cheers and "an autograph from Harlan."

Announcements: Gavin Claypool has been awarded the honor of the Evans Freehafer award

Old Business: CLJII - Next week are procedural elections. Nick Smith and Gavin Claypool accepted nominations for Procedural President.

Moment of Science with David Okamura: Private firms competing to send rockets and payloads into space. SpaceX and Blue Origin. Trumped SpaceX in one instance - 2 weeks ago successfully launched rocket up to near earth orbit. Payload made it safely to ground and booster landed safely about 4 ft from launch point. Reusable rocket booster. Near earth orbit, Falcon 9 can insert objects into space (further to fall).

Japanese Satellite in December 2010, Venus climate orbiter was about to orbit Venus after 5.5 month voyage. Faulty thruster caused it to miss its place and it started orbiting the Sun. It has taken them this long to figure out a way to nurse the satellite back into Venus orbit. They are trying it on Monday. If it works, the Japanese probably may be Venus' only orbiting satellite. Wondering how long it can last on batteries. If it can make it back that will be a major accomplishment.

Planets - One day Mars may have ring a because one of its moons is doomed. 20-40 million years from now.

Controversy - genome creatures. FDA recently approved Frankenfish, Salmon that grows faster. UCI developed better mosquito, resists malaria. Does not spread malaria. Passes on the ability to offspring. Ability to spread Malaria will be reduced. Promising start.

John (- Mosquitos was it a sting operation.)

Jerry Pournelle- After 20 years, Blue Origin doing what he suggested, it is back on track. (*If it is back on track does that mean that it is developing trains?* - ed.)

Reviews: Milt Stevens - Greg Egan - Australian author, organic humanity has died out at beginning of Orthogonal. Incandescence 2008 - character is sort of human, had relative who was human 1 million years ago. DNA is common patterns in galactic amalgam. Gripes about nothing interesting to do in galaxy. Organism approaches him, tight schedule, can't investigate meteorite with DNA, in space 50,000 years at core of galaxy. Character goes to core of galaxy. See creatures this DNA came from trying to figure out universe. Organization is unlike any novel he's ever seen. Interesting as usual, not same old same old.

CLJII - LOSCON - last weekend, 2nd best one ever. He had wonderful time, received Forry Award. Very good time, people had good time. Some problems but probably always are. 2 panels - films over the last century. Researching a better world.

Miscellaneous:

Jerry Pournelle - See The Martian. 1 year ago got cryptic note from author who said he would like one character. Jerry watched the movie and the orbital mechanic is modeled on Dan Alderson and named Rich Pournelle. At LOSCON they put him on panel at 10:00 am. Jerry does not promise to be civil, coordinated, etc at that time. But he got there on time. In Boston. Across hall from greenroom - got coffee. Keith Henson was on panel. Man-made climate change is topic. Jerry asked Keith if he is a denier or believer? Keith responded with one of Jerry's idea about cooling applied to global warming - we don't have climate problem, we have an energy problem. Solve energy problem, solve global warming. Jerry doesn't know why he didn't see that before.

Gavin - Sales shelves are back and filled with items that we want to go away. In alphabetical order right now.

We adjourned to surprise program at 9:17 pm

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

**December Board Minutes
December 13, 2015**

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

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, February 20, 2016
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave.
Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069

(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM Potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Homemade Chicken and Vegetable Soup provided by your hostess.

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filk site--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

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

Members and Guests: Joe Zeff, Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Matthew B. Tepper, Debra Levin, Frank Waller, Tom Safer.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:09 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, December 13th, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of November 8th, 2015, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were 2 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Lisa "Huggy" Murway and Julie Davis (Jules Steam). They were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): \$23,088.00 is the amount in the current treasury. The first installment of property taxes have been paid.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): The Chairman gave Congratulations to the Board members who were re-elected at the November election of Board members at the appointed general meeting, thanks were given for the service of departing Board member Warren "Whisky" Johnson, and a welcome was given to new Board member Debra Levin who will be taking office in January.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report as the Vice Chairman was at work.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report. As the person who runs the LASFS Gift Exchange I will report that we continue to be smaller than we used to be - there were about the same number of people as we had last year - but it really does continue to be fun. After the affair I did receive some comments about how enjoyable it was. The good thing about the number of people we are currently getting is that it over in less than 2 hours. Part of that is my creating a rule which speeds up things - not having every book in a box of books being held up for inspection. Three of the people who showed up were from my Friday Night board-gaming Meetup. They showed up with presents knowing that we would not be gaming. They seemed to enjoy themselves - and one of them even wound up with the Chocolate Covered Man-hole Cover.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Annenberg leadership seminar has been set for 2016. There is an on-line application. The applications open on January 4. (March 15 & 16 for the Los Angeles session.) We may need to rush our application because applications may be cut off early so we could check with board members via e-mail if there were problems. In general, though, the board is in favor of this. // We did some fund-raising with selling books at LOSCON.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 324 units bringing in \$335.75. (The difference has to do with two items being sold at higher than the usual charges.) Total units to date: 34,800, and total monies to date: \$29,775.50 We purchased spare lighting tubes, and paper towels.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): Sold some of our excess books at LOSCON and used the proceeds to buy more books - and we have more bookcases.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): The audio tapes have been converted to CDs.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): We have new lights in the library.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Nick Smith): Marcia: LOSCON 42 was well received and very successful. We are working on the books right now and LASFS should get some money from the con. / LOSCON 43 is progressing. David Gerrold is Writer GoH. Nick Smith is Fan GoH. We have 151 paid memberships so far. // Theater Agency is now out of Holiday mode and will be producing more interesting items.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Michelle passed around a Christ-

mas present to LASFS from Authors Services.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Matthew said it was a pleasure being President. We have new members.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): There has been an increase in what is not quite spam. // We have received a tentative offer of help on the web site.

AGENDA ITEMS:

There was a discussion of items which belong to others who leave things in the club after cons.

There was a continued discussion about homeless people camped on Aetna. Karl will take pictures and show to the police.

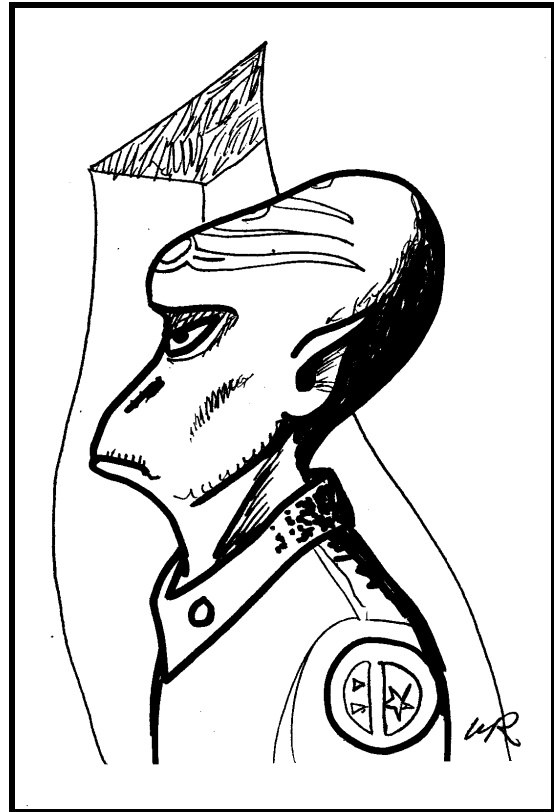
OPEN FORUM:

The next meeting will be on January 10, 2016. There will be LOSCON presentations at this meeting. There was a discussion about the timing of the presentations and the timing of the vote at a regular club meeting.

TAKE-AWAYS:

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



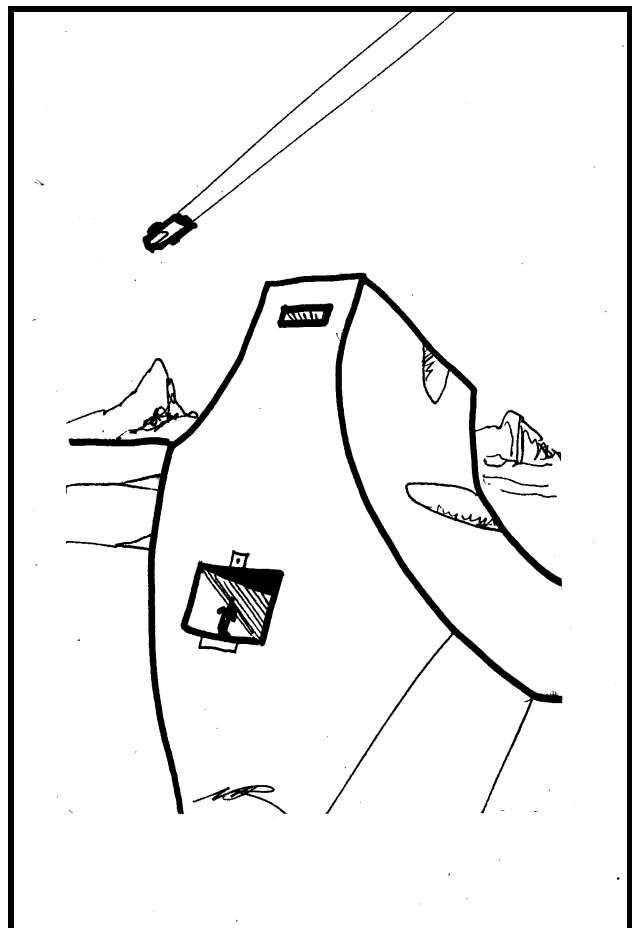
Friday night board gaming

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.)



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