THE \$64 QUESTION - - POWER SORT OF CLUB DO YOU WANT?

At the last meeting of the MSFS I was made interim President, to try to revive the dying organization. In 1949 we had 34 members, most of whom came to meetings. Many of them were active in other ways, publishing fanzines, members of FAPA & SAPS, holding offices in NFFF and corresponding with fans. From here the MSFS skidded to the present sad state where we have no club fanzine, no regular meeting notices, the club officers don't know if they are still officers and the meetings are spur-of-the-moment gatherings of rival cliques.

As Interim President I proclaim -- The next meeting of the MSFS will be held at the home of Harold Shapiro, 2689 Clements, Phone is TO 6-8043. This is near the intersection of Linwood and Davison. The

meeting will start about 7:00 PM.

The meeting will be devoted to a thorough discussion of the past history and mistakes of the MSFS-DSFL and the desireable future goals and purpose of the new MSFS. It will cover such subjects as---

MEMBERSHIP What should be our membership requirements? Do we want an activity requirement program like SAPS & FAPA? Do we want a larger membership and strong organization or do we want a small group with more of a common goal and outlook on stf and fandom?

How about a large loose organization with divisions or sections, each devoted to some particular branch or aspect of fandom?

ORGANIZATION

Do we want a formal organization with constitution, officers, regular meetings, rules of order, fixed dues etc?

Or do we want a loose, informal club with little or no organization and with projects and finances left to the individual?

PROJECTS

Do you think the club should carry out tangible projects; such as--- publishing a regular fanzine-- producing stf movies or plays-- publishing books or holding or sponsoring state or regional conferences and conventions?

Or do you think the function of the club should be more mental and social -- discussion and parties and such?

COLLECTING

Do you think collecting, buying, selling and trading of mags and other stf material should be part of the club's activity?

The next couple meetings should pretty well decide the future of the club. If you want to have a part in shaping that future let's see you at the meeting. If you can't come, drop a line with your views.

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As I see it, things are so bad that it is time for drastic "kill or cure" measures. Let's either get the club "on the beam" in the next meeting or two--- or put it out of its misery for good!

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