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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

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 - Amicus Anthologies

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

APRIL 7 - No programme as of press time
APRIL 14 - No programme as of press time
APRIL 21 - BIG Auction
APRIL 28 - Serials I Will Not Show At LASFS: New Adventures of Tarzan

(programme items subject to change
without notice)

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 458—April 2011. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

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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 address: 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-built Intel dual-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. *Intjections 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 longterm subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

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President: Arlene Satin **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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Chairman: Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Comptroller:** Bill Ellem (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Darnell Coleman (2011). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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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.lasfsinc.info)

Meeting #3830, January 6, 2011 President Arlene, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Joy to the world, all the fans and others, Joy to the LASFS meeting #3830, joy to you and me at 20:12.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor announced the passing of Ruth Kyle, wife of Dave Kyle who was at the first Worldcon in 1939. In 1956, he was in charge of the NYC Worldcon, and he married Ruth in 1957. Dave survives her.

For this worthy, a moment of silence.

Marcia Minsky announced Mike and Laura Korp. Laura has ceased to be pregnant, as of 4:36 this morning. John Alan (Teeny Tiny) Korp was delivered at home, by his father.

We had a moment of cheers for this event.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “Pay Your Dues.”

The **Registrar** announced some guests: Joe Hecht, and Michael Maine.

Patron Saint, Dan Alderson: Hare Hobbs notes he was an interesting person. Our space program was greatly in debt to his software. He was the sane genius of JPL. Milt Stevens: Seen a couple of his professional publications. They were all symbols. “Meteoric hazards of the asteroid belt” and “Navigational Problems of the Asteroid Belt”. Despite his IQ and talent, he had a huge inferiority complex. Once, Phil Castora mentioned they're going to have a self-deprecation contest. “I'd lose, of course,” said Dan. He was the model for Dan Forrester in Lucifer's Hammer.

Barbara Harmon: Dan was in her mother's high school English Class, and he and others started a SF club. She was the faculty adviser. Dan brought her to her first LASFS meeting. The year he graduated from High School, he won Outstanding Chemistry Student award. Joe Zeff: Dan gave us quite a bit of money. Dan had just been elected Senior Committeeman, and came up with the idea of the contest. He also came up with the Alderson method of elections, remarkably easy to understand if you happen to be a computer programmer.

Milt: He came up with the phrase, “It can all be explained by a simple algorithm.” CLJII: In his early days at LASFS, he went to Cal Tech and met a number of SF fans. They wound up forming an arguing society. He was a leading light in APA -L for a number of years, and persuaded others to contribute. He inspired Dan'l Saur who still appears on APA-L covers. And as we all know, comic book characters never die, they merely go into limbo until an editor brings them back. Michelle Pincus recalls mention of the Alderson Drive, and he shows up in a couple of other books, as well.

Marcia Minsky: Weep, wail! Tepper: If Jerry Pournelle were here, he'd remark that not only did Dan provide the Alderson drive, but also lots of planetary calculations for their works. Patron Saint Dan Alderson was given three cheers, and a car – the Weep Wail Saab.

Patron Saint, Joe Zeff: Hare Hobbs: He was The Person who took care of Dan when he was at his worst with his diabetes. The entire country should give Joe an award for that. Nola Frame-Gray notes

Joe would read to Dan what was on the monitors after he became blind. Matthew Tepper: He's among the respected group of members who served their country. Scratch: Joe and he were both in Vietnam. He got to play with bigger guns than Scratch did.

Darnell used to enjoy the Magic games he'd run. And his take on the Holocaust Nola enjoys the computer he gave her, allowing her to go places without having to drive there. He also was instrumental in her getting and keeping employment. Patrick Fahey: was in charge of Handicap Access at Loscon, Joe took over and ran the department better than he did.

Scratch: he has a marvelous ability to come up with information in his field. One thing he did was solve customer problems with his eyes closed.

Marcia Minsky: Everyone's said everything she'd have wanted to say. He ain't heavy. He's my brother. Patron Saint Joe Zeff was given three cheers, and a novel to contemplate.

Committee Reports: Len Moffatt Memorial is 1/22, 2 PM, at the clubhouse. We are requesting sugar-free and fat-free stuff for the potluck. Please don't wait till the last minute to tell Eylat what you're bringing.

Marty Cantor has prepared Len's fannish autobiography. It's both LASFS and the Outlanders.

The First (numbered) Edition will go the club. June gets #1, Marty gets #2, and the club files get #3. Those who go to the Memorial will get one for free. Those who get it at the meeting following or later pay \$5. Proceeds will be evenly split between TAFF and DUFF.

LOSCON 38 will have its first meeting on 2/6. Come on down and volunteer. The meeting starts at 2, and follows the LOSCON 37 close out, which starts at 12.

There will be no Committee to Gouge, because they're busy being animated. (*Gee, Karl, this needs to be translated for the civilised readers out there. What you mean to say is that those who usually run the auction are, instead, doing dumb things helping to run an Anime convention.*)

Reviews: Tron 3D – go see something else. (*Better yet, read a book. *grump* - ed.*)

David Okamura: a friend living in Taiwan sent a message – live action Space Cruiser Yamato movie exists. His reaction is about like seeing the first Star Trek movie. Big screen stuff mixed with disappointing story and execution. He has hopes for the next. (*Hah! Some people never learn anything!* - ed.)

Misc.: Frank Waller had two teeth pulled. That's how to keep him quiet. (*Frank is going to run out cf teeth, Real Soon Now.* - ed/)

Dr Jim mentioned he'll be away for 8-12 weeks because of a foot operation. (*It would not be so long were he not attempting to walk to the club.* - ed.)

We adjourned to the program at 21:14.

Meeting #3831, January 13, 2011
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Believe it or not, I'm walking on air, never thought I could feel meeting #3831 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, at 20:08. Jim Busby is not walking on much of anything until he recovers from his surgery.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson announced, in deference to agenda light, he arranged for no one of import to pass. (*Being conscientious, he also arranged for no one cf export to pass.* - ed.)

This will be Super Agenda Light, because we have a special guest tonight.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “Weep, Wail”.

The **Registrar** announced we sort of have guests. A guest coming in for her second visit – after 15 years. Helen Eleassari. Andy Rosen returns after 15 years of his own.

Patron Saint, Bruce Pelz: Hare thinks between him and Dave Fox, he was the one who taught him the most of LASFS history. He did it with a great sense of humor. He told the story almost as if he was there. CLJII: Bruce was an outstanding fan and whenever he had a new interest, he threw himself into it. Before he was in LASFS, he was in the Boy Scouts, and was the most decorated Eagle Scout in history. He became a world traveler, and traveled to all but one continent, crawled into the Great Pyramid. He was a mover and shaker, and was a Secret

Master of Fandom, He was President when it was called Director, he was on the BoD for a long time, ran conventions, and was a dedicated book dealer to the point of knowing his clientele and their reading preferences.

Scratch called Bruce a collector of collections. One item he collected, she said “yes”. And he had a marvelous ability to call up on his subjects. Zeff: Bruce was good at recognizing books you'd be interested in, including books you'd never heard of and series you'd never heard of but would turn out to be interested in. Unlike many SMOFs, he was approachable. He'd listen, and at least appear to care.

Milt: Bruce was Smof II because Charlie Brown was Smof of Locus. (*Thanks for the obscurantism, Milt. Folks, SMOF 2 was Bruce's license plate on his car.* - ed.)

Jerry Pournelle reminds newer members that we would not have a clubhouse had it not been for Bruce. The idea came from Paul Turner, but Bruce and others did the job of raising money. Kris Bauer notes when he was not being a mover and shaker, he was an inveterate Hell player and a hell of a Maj player. He was also an excellent bridge player. Anything he set his mind to, he became good at.

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz, was given three cheers, and a Big Blue Super Gouge.

Patron Saint, Christian McGuire: Martin Young claims he has wonderful people skills. He taught Martin how to deal with difficult people in difficult situations. He's gotten through to people Martin thought were unreachable. Scratch: Christian has a marvelous way of standing still when talking to you. He's the rocking chair. First time he met him, was thinking of Mutiny On the Bounty for some reason.

Joe Zeff: Christian came from the Time Meddlers. when he first joined, he was a very helpful person and willing to do what was needed to keep the club going, including taking the minutes when the scribe wasn't there. He referred to Joe as The Guy with the Sideburns. Arlene: I have known him for longer than both of us care to remember. From Time Meddlers. He has the most experience running conventions of anyone she knows. His dedication to LASFS is unwavering. He does anything and everything he can to keep the club going.

MaryAnn notes he has the best birthday. This is the first saint we talk about she knows. She has inter-

acted with him as program participant at ALA. (*Damn! This issue is filled with idiots using confusing initialisms. Most of the literati reading DE PROF would think that "ALA" means American Library Association. In the reference here, though, "ALA" stands for "Anime L.A." Which is another idiotic, non-sf passion cf Fred Patten.* - ed. I issue another *grump*) Patron Saint Christian McGuire was given three cheers, and a suit that's bigger inside than out.

Committee Reports: We have a \$1000 donation from the Michael Mason Foundation, donated to the library. (*BRAVO!* - ed.)

Eylat Poliner: Unfortunately, there's a memorial for Len Moffatt 1/22 at 2 PM. Send Eylat an indication of what you're bringing to the potluck. ASAP. Sooner.

PayPal: Donations can now be made through PayPal. Payment@LASFS.ORG This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it . Please let Elayne know first how much and what it's earmarked for, so she knows how to allocate it.

Misc.: Borders has quit making payments to publishers. Look for fire sale prices. Use gift cards and credits ASAP. They may not be here much longer.

We adjourned to the program at 20:45.

Meeting #3832, January 20, 2011
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

A fan is a fan, of course of course, and no one can talk to meeting #3832 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, even when it's called to order at 20:10.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "A fan for all seasons".

The **Registrar** announced she wasn't here tonight.

Patron Saint, Jeff Siegel: He gave us money. Jerry Pournelle recalls Jeff was Alex's best friend and was part of the pack that came in at that age. He's a graduate of the USAF academy and retired as a major. He's now a Lutheran minister in Iowa. Patron Saint Jeff Siegel, was given three cheers, and praise the lord and pass the ammunition.

Committee Reports: Eylat Poliner reported that Len Moffatt's memorial is Saturday. It's potluck, so bring something healthy. We'll have a lovely service, and Marty has published Len's autobiography, and CLJII has just found out he's still in charge of testimonials.

Arlene reported Jim is still alive. (*This issue continues with obscurities. Arlene, there are probably MILLIONS of people named Jim. To which one are you referring?* - ed. Triple *grump*)

David Okamura, acting science monitor reported that lightning is frightening. They've found evidence that lightning generates antimatter. A surprising amount of it.

Fannish Committee Reports: Eylat announced she moved Saturday. It was very interesting. When she moved into Chatsworth, there was a fire going on. This makes that look like nothing. The truck decided not to start. And things go downhill from there. U-Haul sent the towing service, and they couldn't fix the truck. Fortunately, one of the people Eylat hired was an auto mechanic and able to fix it.

Doug Crepeau: check NASA's website. Design your own alien planet. Also a gallery of known planets. On another note, we've had stupid crook reports. There's a report of teenagers who stole cremains and snorting them thinking they were cocaine. (*I am not going to make a comment about these potential LASFS members. Oops ...* - ed.)

Frank Waller added he rented a truck from U-Haul, and was driving down the street. The brakes decided to lose all function. Managed to pull over to the curb and scrape the curb enough to slow down. The consensus seems to be, don't rent from U-Haul. (*As a former U-Haul employee, I have no argument with that. It is a poorly-run company.* - ed.)

David Okamura recalled the phantom contrail. If you looked in the sky at 1 PM, there was a real rocket contrail, the largest launched off the west coast. (*Gee. I did not know that we now launched contrails ...* - ed.)

Jerry Pournelle moved we name next week's minutes "Keep on trucking". It was seconded, and there was a motion to table until next week. And it was so.

Reviews: Tim Trzepacz reviewed the Music and

LAFa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, April 9, 2011, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. see notes
The House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John & Mary Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street
Torrance, CA
(310) 329-6772

Pre-filk dinner: 5 pm,
Golden Camel Mongolian Bar-B-Q,
21006 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA
1/2 block North of Torrance Blvd., on the East side of
Hawthorne in a strip mall
Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!

Directions:

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. Mucho 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 of 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. There are, however, wild mice. Countermeasures are being taken.

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

Games Fest. It wasn't quite the youngest crowd he's seen at a convention. They didn't have guest badges, or program badges. Programming ran 24 hours. There was no Con Suite. There was no lots of things we're used to. He really appreciated the fine conventions LASFS puts on.

Misc.: CLJII misced that after getting coerced into getting on Facebook he launched CLUB and EMPIRE, both doing quite well, 150-200 visits per day each. Not bad for no porn. No log-in required to look.

Arlene: Neverending Panel is looking for video editors.
We adjourned to the non-program at 20:56.

Meeting #3833, January 27, 2011
Marty Cantor, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Hey, hey, we're the meeting -- meeting #3833 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:10.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson announced a tough break for Elayne Pelz.

Marcia Minsky announced the passing of her and Joe's mother. She passed Thursday last week at around 8:10.

Karl Lembke and Christian McGuire announced that Elayne Pelz had broken her ankle. She's to have surgery Monday for swelling to go down. She's not in pain, but she's very, very, very, very, grumpy. As CLJII noted, that's starting from the baseline of Elayne.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "When will they ever learn?"

The Registrar announced some guests. We start with the gentleman who left, Guy Brasmer. Also introduced were Leonard Ortega and Chuck Erickson

Patron Saint, Rick Sneary: He gave us money. Milt: He wrote stunning letters to editors of SF magazines. He survived 42 years with 6 months to live. Barbara Harmon found him a nice, pleasant person. The two used to go out for coffee. Last seen at one of Forry's birthday parties. Nothing medically they could do for him, but his rib cage was collapsing on him. It was always a matter of time. Marty Cantor: To find out more about him, look in Len's autobiography. Rick is featured prominently.

CLJII: Rick was home schooled, and was not the best typist in the world, which worked out to spelling things interestingly. Editors were so charmed by his spelling and printed letters as were. June Moffatt: for 1968 Worldcon, Rick could not attend, but wrote a report before it happened. June published it, with typos corrected, under the name of Zoltan Zyzzx and challenged people to guess who the real author was.

Bill Ellern: One of the nicest, most intelligent, most talented individuals in LASFS. He gave of himself for anyone who needed advice or help. Scratch: he gave us money. Patron Saint Rick Sneary, was given

three cheers, and a tyop.

Patron Saint, Gail Selinger: Scratch: she knew a thing or three about pirates. Cantor: She knows about pirates, having written an authoritative book, and has appeared on the History Channel, being quoted. She used to teach in NYC, moved out here, and was Frank Gasperik's girlfriend for a long time, and is a very nice, and intelligent person. She used to attend lots of meetings. Patron saint Gail Selinger, was given three cheers, and a bottle of rum.

Committee Reports: Scratch notes the US Navy is doing land tests of an electromagnetic launch system for carriers. Scott Beckstead notes it erases the credit cards of everyone on deck.

The Navy has test fired an EM rail gun of 33 Mega Joules, taking stuff up to mach 5.

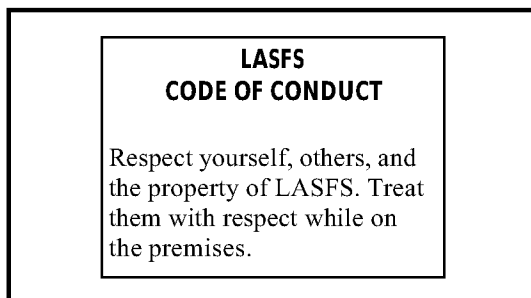
Arlene: 2/6, Sunday, first Loscon meeting. Fan Tables and Green Room are open. (*Do you mean that you have Fan Tables and a Green Room at the LASFS which will be open, or do you mean that the positions of running Fan Tables and the Green Room are open and volunteers for running these positions are needed? Clarity, please ...* - ed.)

Scott Beckstead notes this meeting immediately follows the Loscon 37 close-out, starting at 11:30. There will be a gap for lunch. (*Are you going to eat one or two of those stores?* - ed.)

Arlene: Jim is still alive. He and Elayne can gripe at each other. (*The next non-clear remark gets expunged from these minutes.*—ed.)

Fannish committee Reports: Kay Shapero on behalf of the Society to Create Havoc reported on the Ukranian hunter shot by the fox he shot.

Time Bound Announcements: Matthew Tepper announced 90th anniversary of the premiere of RUR, which introduced the concept of robots.



Reviews: Jerry Pournelle announced Jan 14 issue of Science magazine has an article about a archaeologist /anthropologist who may revolutionize our theories on the origins of cities. She was working in the marshes of Iraq after Hussein had drained them. It looks like cities didn't start in Mesopotamia. Dr. Jennifer R. Pournelle explores this in her doctoral thesis, and it got wrote up in Science.

Misc.: Don Wenner rose to mention his work at the Braille Institute. One thing he's been working on and with is writing scripts. They have a dramatic reading coming up. His script deals with a cat who used to frequent the LASFS.

We adjourned at 21:17.

**Board of Directors meeting
February 13, 2011
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, Substitute Secretary**

Board Members: Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Arlene Satin, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Christian McGuire, and Warren "Whiskey" Johnson. Elayne Pelz was absent and excused, as was Marty Cantor.

Non-Board Members Present: Joe Zeff (substitute secretary), Lee and Barry Gold, Frank Waller, Ed Hooper, Michael Pell, Kevin Dodds, Tony and Sherry Benoun, Don Wenner, Jenny Burr, Joyce Sperling, Joan Steward, Matthew Tepper, Robbie Bourget, Dale Hales. Tom Safer, and David Svenson.

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM. Bill Ellern was welcomed to the BoD. As is customary, the minutes had been distributed by e-mail. The minutes were discussed, including a question by Mr. Ellern as to when several concerns of his would be dealt with. (This would be during the Open Forum.) Christian pointed out that the 90 days on the real estate option had ended. The minutes were accepted as distributed.

This being the first meeting of the year, the next order of business was to elect a new set of Board officers. Karl Lembke was elected as Chairman, unopposed, and Christian McGuire was elected Vice Chairman. Bill Ellern was elected Comptroller and Marty Cantor was elected *in absentia* as Secretary. All of the other Board Members retained their areas of authority, except that Marcia Minsky became the new Archivist and Darnell Coleman took over Events. Milt Stevens, having retired from the Board, wasn't eligible to run Publications; as Marty Cantor is probably the best person to take it over, the job was left open until he was asked if he'd like to take it. Elayne accepted, by telephone, the position of overseeing Physical Plant. The Quartermaster reported that we need more quarter wrappers. In the nine weeks since his last report, we've

sold 688 soda units, bringing in \$516.

Not only does the library have books, we have some new ones, including a new *Stainless Steel Rat* book, where the eponymous protagonist comes out of retirement to deal with something in his own special way. The library is currently (but slowly) transferring their microfiche collection of periodicals to CD. SCIFI has agreed to continue paying for the off-site storage of library books for the time being.

Physical Plant reported (through Christian) that the last repair to the roof over the APA-L room has been done again.

(As an addendum to this report, the Secretary (who was in Sunnyvale at the time of the Board meeting but is reading these minutes afterward) and who uses the APA-L room quite a bit, adds that the recent heavy rains have not caused any further leaks in the roof.)

The video projector is out of commission until a new bulb can be bought and installed. A replacement of the projector may turn out to be more economical. Christian will be looking into the possibility of getting one of the other projectors bought at the same time being donated to us.

The last of the Dik Daniels photographs have now been put up at the website and people are being asked to identify people who appear in them. It helps, of course, if you can remember what people looked like back then. The Speaker to Webmaster asked us all to let the webmaster know if our site does something that seems weird because it might not be what's intended, and needs correcting.

LOSCON 37 turned \$8,000 over to the club last Thursday and was given a "Well Done." LOSCON 38 had its first meeting last Sunday. It went well, although it was a tad over-long, and was well attended, especially when you consider that it was on Superbowl Sunday. The LOSCON 38 has been accepted by CBS for inclusion in their annual calendar. Lee Gold will see to getting us listed in *Analog* and any other appropriate magazines.

Arlene is making plans for our participation in the tenth annual West Hollywood Book Fair. Recently, Jerry Pournelle told the club that his daughter's book, *Outies*, is making money faster by being self-published on Amazon.com than he does through traditional publishing. It appears, he explained, that people will buy almost anything if it's priced reasonably, because it's not enough money to matter to them. He suggested that LASFS put some of its fannish history articles and essays on Amazon at about \$2.99 now, before everybody else catches on. Christian moved that a small committee be organized to be a "LASFS Press." Karl, finding merit in the idea, created the committee without asking for a vote.

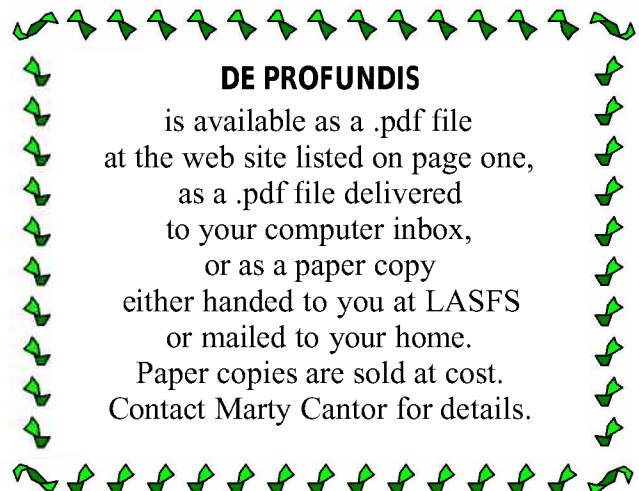
The Marketing Committee has run out of bookmarks and will be spending money to replace them.
Agenda Items: LOSCON Bids. Christian McGuire was the only person heading a bid this year. It was approved.

Christian distributed a press release from Renovation about their project to get comic book readers who attend WonderCon in San Francisco to read books as well as comics. Among other things, they plan to give away six pallet loads of free books. He asked the Board to donate \$500 to the project. The motion was passed with one person opposed and one abstaining. There was also a motion to provide extra funds outside the Marketing budget for 1000 bookmarks to be sent to WonderCon. It carried without dissent.

There was a problem, recently, with people wanting to use the computers in the front room for gaming when the building was open for Len Moffatt's Memorial and again when the building was being used for a LOSCON meeting. The question was raised as to whether the computers should be available for gaming any time the front building is open for any reason, or if the people using the club buildings have the right to restrict the way the front building is used. The board eventually reached a consensus that the event coordinator has the right to allow or deny use of the computers for gaming and, if the event coordinator has left, the last remaining keyholder is in charge. (This has the advantage of being the same policy as is currently in place for seeing to it that the club property is left clean at the end of any event.) The policy ended up being put in the form of a motion. The motion passed without objection:

Resolved: "By default, facilities are available to all members only during Thursday night meetings, Friday night Open House and Second Sunday Open House. Facilities may be made available to members during other events at the discretion of the event coordinator but are off-limits by default."

Open Forum: Tom Safer requested that a Saturday be allotted to him for an all-day film showing and that he would pay for the use of the club, make sure the club was left clean and keep an eye on the front building as needed. The request was passed on to the Treasurer. Lee Gold reported that Marty Cantor and Milt Stevens won the trivia contest at CORFLU. (Again, after -the-meeting



report by the Secretary who was at the CORFLU in question and who says that not only did he not win the trivia contest even though Milt was on the team which won, but he has never in his life *participated* in any trivia contest.)

Bill Ellern addressed the fact that club members are going to be contributing to the library, both directly and through their estates and some members need documentation for the IRS. Several Board members pointed out that the club already gives members a receipt (on request) at the end of the year that can be used for this. The Golds, however, told us that you're allowed to claim "fair

to the West, confirming our understanding that we can use the four parking spaces in front of their building after 6 PM and on weekends.

The meeting ended at 1:53 PM.

These minutes were taken by Joe Zeff and are respectfully submitted by Marty Cantor

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market value" on your return, not what the item fetched at auction. (Sometimes you gain, sometimes you lose.) This question will be considered in more detail at a later meeting. He also wanted to extend the lead-time for picking the new LOSCON chair even further back, but admitted that he'd already wasted way too much of our time and that this could be left for later.

Mike Thorsen wanted to close off the various LASFS forums on the grounds that only one person (Tom Safer) was consistently using them to promote his screenings and all the other fen have moved away to Facebook and Livejournal. The Board agreed to this.

Bill Ellern told us about a conversation with the neighbor

(*This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Reading books, whatta concept ...*)

Unknown Worlds 1940
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When I Grow Up

Ilse Witch
Knight of the Word, A
Outcasts
Blood of the Fold
Soul of the Fire
Stone of Tears

Lasfs
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Yankovic, Al & Hargis,
Wes
Brooks, Terry
Brooks, Terry
Emery, Clayton
Goodkind, Terry
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NEW BOOKS

DIK DANIELS PHOTOS

A year or two ago, LASFS got three large flat rate priority mail boxes of Dik Daniels' fannish photos, taken over the years, thanks to Dik's sisters. The photos were enclosed in a number of envelopes, each tagged with the date and fannish event at which the photos were taken, but they weren't annotated with the names of the people photographed.

The photos are now all up on our website at [*http://tinyurl.com/yk8q7hc*](http://tinyurl.com/yk8q7hc) aka http://www.lasfsinc.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=395&Itemid=148

We've done our best to identify these faces from 1968 through 2001, but there are still a number of Unknowns. If you can identify any of them, please email webmaster@lasfsinc.org, identifying each picture you're commenting on by its file letters and numbers: for example ddal #1.

Many thanks,

Barry & Lee Gold

Cygnets and the Firebird, The
She Who Remembers
Cheon of Welanland
Barlowe's Guide to Extraterrestrials

Sword and Sorceress V
Sword and Sorceress VI
Sword and Sorceress VIII
Sword and Sorceress XVI
Captain's Fury
Princes' Fury
Forge of Heaven
Fortress of Eagles
Fortress of Owls
Fantastic Art of Frank Frazetta, The
Dolphins' Bell, The
Ladies: Retold Tales of Goddesses and Heroes

Rise of the Terran Empire
Overkill
Alaska Republik
Kingdom Besieged, A
Grantville Gazette V
Jane Bites Back
Invasion

Merchants' War, The
Brimstone Preston, Douglas
Tyrannosaur Canyon
House of the Discarded Dreams, the
Between the Strokes of Night
Mammoth
Skin Trade
Mad Maudlin

McKillip, Patricia A.
Shuler, Linda Lay
Stone, Charlotte
Barlowe, Wayne Douglas
& Summers, Ian
Bradley, Marion Zimmer
Bradley, Marion Zimmer
Bradley, Marion Zimmer
Bradley, Marion Zimmer
Butcher, Jim
Butcher, Jim
Cherryh, C.J.
Cherryh, C.J.
Cherryh, C.J.
Frazetta, Frank
McCaffrey, Anne

Vallejo, Boris & Vallejo,
Doris
Anderson, Poul
Buettner, Robert
Compton, Stoney
Feist, Raymond E.
Flint, Eric
Ford, Michael Thomas
Lackey, Mercedes & Lib
bey, Steve
Pohl, Frederik
Child, Lincoln
Preston, Douglas
Sedia, Ekaterina
Sheffield, Charles
Varley, John
Hamilton, Laurell K.
Lackey, Mercedes &
Edgehill, Rosemary

Market Forces
Transhuman
Green and the Grey, The
Seer's Blood
Darkship Thieves
Picoverse
Citadel
Almorán and Hamet an Oriental Tale

Morgan, Richard
Van Name, Mark L. &
Weisskopf, T.K.F.
Zahn, Timothy
Durgin, Doranna
Hoyt, Sarah A.
Metzger, Robert A.
Ringo, John
Hawkesworth, John



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