

MINUTES OF NOEL MEETING SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2013  
AT THE HOME OF PAT VANDENBERG & ALLAN KENT

In Attendance: Jill Eastlake (President), Elizabeth Lepisto (VP), Pat Vandenberg (Secretary Pro Tem), Betty Trugman, Jennifer Fitzsimmons-Gauger, Allan Kent, Nancy Shapiro, John Francini, Helen Francini, Jerome Conner & Gwen Conner.  
Started at 11:35pm.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT - Jill Eastlake: Jill has volunteered to work on the Westercon 66 Masquerade run by Philip & Kathe Gust in Sacramento over the July 4th weekend. She and Don are running the Green Room. She is in a group of unemployed which has required her to have business cards made. She has had 'Fearless Leader' cards printed, which she handed out.

VICE PRESIDENT - Elizabeth Lepisto: Actually here. Will be at Portcon in Maine next week conducting a program item on hems, pleats, zippers and a circular skirt. She will also be judging the costume contest.

SECRETARY - Rich Fine (in absentia); Pat Vandenberg filling in as the Fines are currently unable to make Saturday meetings.

TREASURER - Susan Smith (in absentia - report): Treasurers report got in to ICG in time. Everyone who has paid dues thus far should have received their Noel membership card. If you have not received a new card email me off list at [sewsue22@yahoo.com](mailto:sewsue22@yahoo.com). Please also remember to keep me informed if any of your contact information changes.

Jerome asked about what NOEL money was being used for. Answers were: Mostly small stuff, plus \$120 for website per year.

Susan will be having day surgery on the 20th of June.

ICG REP - Janice Dallas (in absentia). Lately, have had a few interesting emails regarding 16th Century Fashion books; web-video of corset making; FIDM Museum's blog, and from ICG - Andrea Schewe, Simplicity patternmaker (period styles, etc.)

WEBMASTER - Lin Daniels (in absentia): Is currently in California.

CONVENTION REPORTS:

Anime Boston - Elizabeth. Went there for part of the day on Saturday. It was held at the Hynes Convention Center; Check-in was fairly fast. Con was fine, over 20K people attended. There was a lot of

CosPlay going on. Christa Newman was a performance judge at the Masquerade. ACParadise.com has all the skits from the masquerade. Jerome said that Sunday was pretty much dead. There was a lot of Other than CosPlay costumes (saw two excellent Iron Men.) There is a faction looking for more purity of Anime; Elizabeth says only the Masquerade could be changed to do this. The Dealers Room also has more than just anime. It turns out the organization behind Anime Boston was formed for the purpose of encouraging anime and they are a bit worried about their 501 status. Jerome believes it will become the Dragon Con of the East. Elizabeth says she hopes Not.

Balticon - from Rich. Stephanie and I were at Balticon. Joe Haldeman was the author GOH and Rick Sternbach was the artist GOH. There was a featured filk group called Sassafras, who premiered a staged show called Sundown: Whispers of Ragnarok along with filk GOH Ada Palmer. There was a book launch party for several authors who publish with Dark Quest. The masquerade had nothing that stood out.

Relaxacon - Jill. No actual costuming but lots of talk. She recruited DDA to run the Green Room at LoneStarCon3 and she got John Francini to be the Presentation Judges' Clerk. Dr. Karen is running the Masquerade next year at Arisia, then she will be moving to South Carolina.

WombatCon: The Wake for Wombat. 25 to 30 people showed up at the Holiday Inn in Albany. There were Lots of tables of Wombat artifacts. Facts Jerome, who knew jan fairly well, found out: Wombat was a certified NASCAR mechanic and worked in a pit crew; and He started a lot of fandom in Germany and Italy when he was there working for the Army. It was more of an Irish Wake which everyone is sure was definitely more jan howard finder's style.

OLD BUSINESS: No one could think of any.

NEW BUSINESS: Christa sent in a report on her goal for the Mobile Photo Studio Kickstarter Project: This project is to create a mobile studio to bring to conventions and events and offer free photos to costumers at the event! I'd like to use the money to purchase backdrops, lighting and accessories to show off all the costumers' amazing work! Please donate and make it possible for them to buy more backdrops and go to more conventions. See her site for her 'Stretch Goals' if she gets more money. <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/christajnewman/the-cosplay-studio-project>

John is planning to drive to LoneStarCon 3. He has kindly volunteered to haul stuff cross-country if asked and arranged in advance. He is planning on leaving around the 17th of August.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The subject of Saturday meetings was raised. Jerome was in favor of having one once or twice a year. It was suggested we do 4 months out of the year and we plan far ahead so everyone who 'prefers' Saturdays has plenty of time to plan. Betty Trugman was the only person from the 'we can't do Sundays' who showed up this Saturday. Jill was going to do a workshop about 'How to work from a Pattern' today, but since Rich Fine requested it and he was unable to attend, this workshop has been held until probably the August meeting. (See Below.)

July 21, 2013, Sunday: Rachel and Trina Toups, 118 Pine Hill Road, Boxboro, MA. Trina has suggested we do a Pot Luck breakfast; not sure if she is coordinating this or just hoping different and interesting things show up. Via e-mail: Rachel can do a workshop on paper wand making, please bring glue guns! (Jerome supplied the paper she asked for; Jill has the ream.) Rachel is taking a mask making workshop with Eric Bornstein in Somerville the week of July 7th, so may have something big to show off. (If her latest costuming effort, an English class assignment to make a mask that reflects her technical shop at Minuteman HS, robotics class, a picture of which was included in the e-mail, is any indication, her mask making should be terrific.)

August 18, 2013, Sunday: Was originally contemplated to be an outing at Kimball's. It will now be hosted by Don and Jill Eastlake, Milford, MA. Jill is contemplating making this a later meeting and having a BBQ. She would like feedback about whether the BBQ, weather permitting, should be lunch or dinner.

It was decided to try doing Kimball's earlier in the year next year and start planning for it soon so everyone has plenty of input and time to plan for the all-day event.

September 7, 2013, Saturday: Ron and Janice Dallas, 63 Everett Street, Arlington, MA, workshop to be determined.

October X, 2013, Sunday probably. Jennifer may volunteer dependent on plans of others living in her home and dates available.

November X, 2013. Monster Mini Golf outing, 1560 Boston Providence Highway, Route 1, Norwood, MA 02062. 781-762-3100. Jill said Someone had to call and find out costs and availability. Pat groaned as she felt the weight of being Secretary Pro Tem and volunteered to do so. Will send out info when she receives it.

December X, 2013 should be at a home. No one has yet volunteered.

Workshop topics requested: Cloning; Shoe Making/Covering; Purse Making. Pat also requested a workshop on

repairs. She is currently trying to fix a tear in the pocket of her suede jacket that really doesn't lend itself to sewing.

SHOW & TELL: Kara has two jobs at two different camps and is at one today for orientation. She will be a nurse for a weekly day-camp as well as the weekend one she is at today, so will be on for 7 days all summer. Jerome is hoping the work will be light.

Jerome is on the Orlando Worldcon bid committee and would like all of us to vote for it. They believe in outreach. Orlando is looking at the possibility of opening the Dealers Room to the public.

Betty had two books to give away. Elizabeth took the one on embellishments and Nancy took the one by Clinton - of What Not to Wear - on making styles work for you.

Ombre dying - Elizabeth showed off two silk dresses she made and then Ombre Dyed; a green strapless (?) and a blue with one shoulder strap. She is happier with the blue which did a better job of accepting the dye in gradations. She is thinking of re-dyeing the green dress's top to make it darker and wants to do one, with one strap on the opposite side to the blue dress, in reddish pink. In order to do the gradations, you dip a part of the dress in the dye-bath for about  $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour, then you dip that part plus another in for another (I believe)  $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour and then repeat until the garment is completely dyed. She said the worst part was rinsing out the excess dye, though none of it appears to have left any traces behind in her bathroom. She used the tutorial on the Ritz Dye site.

Boston Comic Con has moved to Seaport World Trade Center August 3rd & 4th - this is the convention that was cancelled due to the Marathon bombing.

Pat would like to ask anyone who is likely to be in the area of the Route 140 Milford Dairy Queen on June 27th after 5PM to go and buy something there - an ice cream, a meal, a cake - whatever. On that day between the hours of 5PM and 8PM 10% of All Sales will be donated to one of the organizations supporting the Mendon Senior Center, of which Pat is a member. It is the Friends of Mendon Elders and they help fill in the pieces of the Senior Center budget that the Town is currently unable to fund. Please Help.

Heard at the Meeting. Every-once-in-a-while there was: 'no you can't have that finger'; 'no you can't bite my finger' and 'why don't you try a different finger' as Gwen and Jerome had a conversation.

Finished at 12:39PM.

Upcoming conventions and other events (added by Rich)

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Name	Dates	City/Town, State	URL
NIADA	06/24/2013 - <a href="http://www.niada.org/index2.html">http://www.niada.org/index2.html</a> 06/26/2013	San Francisco, CA	
PortCon	06/20/2013 - <a href="http://portconmaine.com">http://portconmaine.com</a> 06/23/2013	Portland, ME	
WesterCon 66	07/04/2013 - <a href="http://www.westercon66.org/">http://www.westercon66.org/</a> 07/07/2013	Sacramento, CA	
Readercon	07/11/2013 - 07/14/2013	Burlington, MA	<a href="http://readercon.org">http://readercon.org</a>
Shore Leave	08/02/2013 - <a href="http://shoreleave.com">http://shoreleave.com</a> 08/04/2013	Hunt Valley, MD	<a href="http://shoreleave.com">http://shoreleave.com</a>
Boston Comicon	08/03/2013 - <a href="http://www.bostoncomiccon.com">http://www.bostoncomiccon.com</a> 08/04/2013	Boston, MA	
LoneStarCon	08/29/2013 - <a href="http://www.lonestarcon3.org">http://www.lonestarcon3.org</a> 09/02/2013	San Antonio, TX	
Note: Albacon in Albany, NY is normally listed in these minutes. The current plan for Albacon 2013 is to be a relaxacon, with details to be determined.			
RI Comic Con	11/02/2013 - <a href="http://ricomiccon.com">http://ricomiccon.com</a> 11/03/2013	Providence, RI	
PhilCon	11/08/2013 - <a href="http://philcon.org">http://philcon.org</a> 11/10/2013	Cherry Hill, NJ	
Arisia	01/17/2014 - 01/20/2014	Boston, MA	<a href="http://arisia.org">http://arisia.org</a>
Lunacon	03/14/2014 - <a href="http://2014.lunacon.org/">http://2014.lunacon.org/</a> 03/16/2014	Rye Brook, NY	
CC32	04/25/2014 - 04/28/2014	Toronto, ON	<a href="http://costumecon32.com">http://costumecon32.com</a>

Balticon (still) 05/23/2014 - Hunt Valley, MD <http://balticon.org>  
05/26/2014 has 2013 information)

Note: Pi-Con in Enfield, CT is normally listed in these minutes. The web site <http://pi-con.org> has the next Pi-con scheduled as "Coming soon, summer 2014". If you are interested in Pi-con, keep watching the web site.

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