

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on May 19, 2012
Abby's Pizza – 1976 Echo Hollow Rd, Eugene, OR 97402

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm by Beau Gentry.

Beau introduced several long-time staff members who were present at the meeting: Duncan, one of the Founders; Arlene, a former con chair; Brownie, who had held many positions. Beau reported that all of them, and himself, were part of the anime club that founded Kumoricon.

At the opening of the meeting, 23 members were present out of 160 total. Quorum was not met. 26 needed to meet quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was skipped due to not having quorum.

Reports

Beau Gentry, Chair

- Still doing staff dogtags. Free perk for staffers.
- If recruiting people to come in and be staff, will get a staff achievement button, the staff recruitment specialist achievement. Will hand out in last August meeting or at con.

Brandon De Vore, Vice Chair

- Recruiting more Maid Squad staffers. Can dress as maid or butler. Dress code was just expanded to allow military uniforms.

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

- Processing staff registrations. Trying to contact a few people with incomplete registrations.
- Researching some things.

Barbara Hunt, Treasurer

Not present.

Jaki reported that we have money, and are spending money.

Beau reported for Barbara that the July meeting will be in Woodmansee Park in Salem. It will be a combination staff barbeque and general meeting.

Phillip Koop, Facilities Liaison

- Next general meeting is on Sunday, June 10, at Beaverton Library.
- Still having problems getting hotel registration up online. However, can call hotel phone number listed on hotel contact page to book a Kumoricon room. Very hopefully, both online hotel registrations will be up very soon.

TJ Stinson, Director of Operations

Not present. Brandon reported:

- Recruiting Yojimbo Staff and Registration Staff, as well as some smaller positions in Operations department.
- Currently have 1110 pre-registrations. Outpacing last year's pre-registration pattern by a little bit.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Still accepting panel forms. Forms available online, and here in person. Still looking for content.
- Still looking for staff. Video Gaming and Tabletop especially, and some Panel Staff and other spots to fill.
- Particularly looking for cosplay skits.
- Guy Letourneau, AMV Coordinator, reported: Received 15 entries in 5 categories. Received entries from four foreign countries right now. Contest opener and intro done, for first category. Have AMV wireless network up at meeting with AMVs from previous years, and rest of my collection.

Ally Fields, Director of Publicity

- Will be at Wonder Northwest in Portland. \$15 for full weekend pass. Two days, lot of fun. Sci-fi, comic books, fandom, games. Giving out prizes, registration, merchandise.
- If would like to help with little projects where we meet up with attendees, cosplay, dance, hang out, and give out flyers. You're all part of Publicity.
- Press Staff and Merchandise Staff offer staff positions with fixed hours, around 9am-5pm with specific hours. Outside of specific hours, can do other things during con or even help with another staff position.

Sarah Paige, Director of Relations

- Have a couple of things hope to announce very soon. Pay attention to website and social media.
- Applications for Exhibitors Hall, Artists Alley open.
- For annual charity auction, accepting donations from now until just before the auction. If have donations, can email me to arrange a delivery time, or bring to a general meeting. Charity is Sunshine Division, a Portland area food bank. They were our charity last year. Received very good responses last year, so will continue with them.

- Planning to meet with some of industry staff today.
- Looking for Guests and Industry Staff.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

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Teph reported: Working on social media, mostly Facebook and Twitter. Goal is to post at least three times a week until July, then five times a week after that. Over 100 posts total. Some of it news and updates, other is interactive stuff. Soliciting ideas. Examples are: You're trapped on a deserted island, can take one anime/manga character, and other two items. What would you take? Another example: What's your favorite Kumoricon memory? Will post good responses online.

Beau gave ideas for charity auction donations: Swag from a trip to Japan, or have something taking up space in house or garage. Sometimes random unique stuff sells for large amount. For example, somebody made a bear with a clipping of my hair sticking out of it, and it sold for a ridiculous amount of money.

Guy reported that he was auctioning off various random bits of chibis that they blew up with .50 calibers.

Beau reported that if you're a brand new staffer, see him after breakouts wind down for a casual, 10-15-minute orientation.

Beau reported that Abby's Pizza, the meeting location, is giving a 10% discount off of food for meeting attendees.

Phillip reported that the Northwest Film Center in Portland is doing a Ghibli retrospective for the entire month of May, with many Studio Ghibli films showing, including two not released in the US.

A meeting attendee asked if we have considered asking local businesses for donations because as a non-profit, they can get a tax writeoff. Ally responded that we're a non-profit, but that we don't have 501(c)(3) exemption status. Most of those businesses don't have high enough profit margins that can afford to make donations outright except to the charity auction. However, sometimes businesses assist us in getting things at wholesale cost. Ally reported to contact herself or Sarah to help get in contact with certain local businesses, or Jaki if it's regarding prize support.

Ellen reported that there is still is an anime club in Eugene, hosted by wuntvor and EasilyAmewsed (forum names), every Friday at 7pm. Contact for location.

Rant and Rave

Ellen reported that the online staff registration process was impressive and smooth, and that she's happy that it got developed. She also asked if there was any special perk, honor, or mention, for those of us who have been staff, volunteer, and/or panelist for all 10 Kumoricons? Like a button? Beau and Ally reported that they will work on something.

Beau reported that the first Kumoricon was here just across from I-5. The hotel was knocked down and a Best Buy was put in its place. Hotel was nice, but had 400 people the first year and were too big for the site, so had to move to Portland.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm by Beau.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary