

General Meeting of Altonimbus Entertainment Membership
Saturday, May 21, 2011
Multnomah Arts Center
Portland, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 1:19pm by the President, Beau Gentry.

At the opening of the meeting, 28 members were present out of 126 annual staff and the 5 founders. It was (erroneously) announced that quorum was not met, but corrected later in the meeting (see below) that quorum was actually barely met.

Minutes

Approval of minutes from the earlier meetings is postponed due to the minutes not being finalized yet.

Reports

Chair, Beau Gentry: Our staff attended Sakura-Con. We donated two VIP badges to their charity auction, badges #2 and #3. The total was \$520 for both. This was above the retail price. They usually donate badges to our auction, also.

Still taking orders for staff dog tags. Free. Say "Kumoricon" on one side, staff title on the other. Will print second order once spots are filled.

We elected a new Secretary, Jeff Tyrrill.

Still doing staff achievement buttons. Main one is Staff Recruitment Specialist. One button for every 2 people you bring in. No limit.

For anybody who signed up for staff today, brief orientation training after meeting.

Vice Chair, Dawn Hewitt: Not much to report. Mostly caught up on correspondence. Email again if having trouble getting ahold of me.

Treasurer, Barbara Hunt: Not much to report. Next staff event at July meeting [the date spoken was incorrect; the meeting date is July 16], barbeque at Woodmansee Park, same location as last year.

Secretary, Jeff Tyrrell: Not much to report. Minutes from last two meetings will be up on web site very shortly. Getting caught up from being elected a few days ago. Can help you with information about your staff position or contacting somebody in convention.

Director of Operations, TJ Stinson: Not much to report. Pre-registration number is 1226. 650 processed at last reg meeting. Need volunteers for another badge mailing meeting early next month. Need staff for each subdepartment.

Director of Publicity, Ally Fields: Contest rules for mascot, 2 covers, and video commercial contest will be up today. If interested in judging videos, email publicity@kumoricon.org, and you can be a video judge for contest.

If staff and live in a specific area of Portland, we'll take you in as Promo Force Staff. Passing out posters to offer shops in each local area. Write down where you put posters, and send to me, so we're not duplicating. I have a map of staffers who are covering each area.

Uwajimaya and Yuuyake Shimbun, a local English/Japanese monthly paper, will be jointly putting on a matsuri festival. Uwajimaya will provide food and grills, we will provide food prep volunteers. Contact me if would like to volunteer. 20% of our proceeds go to Uwajimaya, the rest will be donated to Japan for tsunami/earthquake relief. Please attend even if can't volunteer. July 2 at Uwajimaya in Beaverton. Other events coming up. Email publicity@kumoricon.org if would like to volunteer.

Timeline has been posted for Publicity Staff for books, contests, and other stuff.

Director of Relations, Sarah Paige: No exciting stuff to report this time. Currently negotiating with guests, but can't be announced yet. Hopefully soon. Industry contacts going well, thanks to wonderful staff.

Got donations for our charity auction at Sakura-Con. Beautiful print [shown to room] and handmade Lolita skirt.

Hired Exhibitors Hall Manager at Sakura-Con. Contracts will be going up soon. Know there is distressed chatter, but just ask for your patience.

If interesting in being staff, come talk to me.

Director of Programming, Jaki Hunt: Still accepting panel forms. Can submit online. If haven't heard back, not finished working through them. Will post on forums when finished; then you can panic if haven't received reply.

Looking for Tabletop and Video Gaming Staff; expect to be a little shorthanded due to bigger space.

AMV Coordinator, Guy Letourneau (read by Andie): Received 20 videos, from multiple countries.

Cosplay Coordinator, Andie Letourneau: Cosplay rules supposed to have been posted to the website, but some issues, but will be up shortly.

Both Cosplay and AMV seeking staff—ballot counting for AMV, and stage ninjas and ushers for Cosplay.

Jaki: AMV and Cosplay Staff can have other positions also. Can coordinate non-conflicting times.

Also to be posted hopefully in next week are Karaoke, Fanfic, and Fan Art Contests, and Cosplay Chess rules.

Facilities Liaison, Phillip Koop: June general meeting will be June 12 at Portland Central Library. Easy to get to, downtown. July meeting at Woodmansee Park. Two August meetings will alternate between our two hotels. August 14, and 27. Which hotel will have which date not set yet.

About 60 rooms left for booking at Hilton. There is a block of about 20 staff rooms separate from this number. Hotel will likely be full quickly. Book room immediately if haven't already. To book a staff rate room, reserve an attendee room, then email reservation details to hotel@kumoricon.org to upgrade it. Name others staffers in room. Priority for staff rate goes to rooms with 4 staffers, then 3 in a room, then 2, then 1. As incentive, if get a staff rate room, can get you assigned to third floor.

Don't currently know number of available rooms at Red Lion. There is not a staff rate there. Should know count in next two weeks.

Staff rate is \$85 per night.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

The Secretary noted a correction that the finding of not reaching quorum at the beginning of the meeting was incorrect; we were barely above quorum.

No new business.

It was noted in response to a question that most types of votes require notice for the specific item to be voted on, but not all.

Good of the Order

Beau: Less than 4 months until con. Stuff will happen much faster. 4 general meetings left.

Fanime and AX upcoming in California. We're the big show after those two. More Internet traffic and registrations. Go out and advertise Kumoricon! All staffers Promo Force. Casually work Kumoricon into conversations. Will get you robes, go out and convert people.

If have ideas for Opening and Closing Ceremonies, talk to me.

Assistant Director of Publicity, Amanda Roberts: 4th of July parade in Hillsboro every year, aiming to get Kumoricon in. Trying to get a larger group with cosplayers, up to 20. Theme is music; are considering a Vocaloid group. We have a little red wagon; will need walkers.

Guest Manager/Acting Industry Liaison, Kate Fletcher: If know of local businesses that may want to donate to charity auction or as prize support, email relations@kumoricon.org so we can contact them.

A staff member reported that DJ Helsing was interested in giving prize support and gold cards for attendees.

Rant and Rave

Rave: Love knowing when/where next meetings are!

Beau: Registration doing good job. Good job to them and Promo Force.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrrill

Secretary

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