

Sakura-Con General Meeting Notes 02-20

01:34 - Meeting called to order. Introduction by Con Chair.

01:35 - Secretary - Nothing to report.

01:36 - Tresury - There is 100,000 left in the bank, as an untouched CD; that will change as the Next payment for the Marriott is due. March 1st is the last day to register for the convention as pre-reg regular and staff. Today is the last day to register in person for staff. Floor opened to questions. No questions raised.

01:41 - Programming - Programming requests gaming group's presence after the meeting. Special events - Programmin is still in need of milk cartons. (standard one or two quart paper cartons - preferably rinsed and dried out). Arts and crafts times are set and available online. Family events will be available Friday from 3-6, Saturday from 1-4, and Friday from 1-4. Cosplay coordinator - Registration forms are online, as are rules and prizes. The event itself is lined up with an MC and other specifics filled or being filled shortly. Early registrants will have some benefits in the form of preferential scheduling. Staff can compete in cosplay, with distinct staff awards and prizes. If a group has any staff members in it, the whole group will be considered for staff awards instead of regular awards. AMV - submission closes in less than two weeks. We have received 51 AMV submissions. Staff can compete in the general competition since it is voted by the audience. In response to a question from the floor, a review of each category will be performed at the end of the category. Charity Auction coordinator is Gabe, who helped us last year. Karaoke coordinator - Jeff - Rules are posted on the web, and times (Friday 8-10pm for everyone and Sunday for staff) have been set. There will be an open mic after the competition, and the staff competition will be judged separately. Special Events - Saturday at 9 (tentatively) will have an "open mic" for instrumentalists to play. It may take place in the Summit Ballroom, or possibly the lobby since there is a piano. Battle Karaoke is verylikely to happen this year. There are lots of free blocks available for fan panels, events, etc. Fan panels can basically be an event for any topic about which people would like to talk. Panel information can be found in the history section of the website and the previous year's con book. Programming staff is still looking for volunteers. There will be a CCCG room. Gaming - We have the support of Wizkids, so there will be a (new-style) Mechwarrior tournament, along with prizes. There may still be room to fit in a few more games, so requests will be taken. CCTV schedules will be posted soon; please check the website forum for missing dvds that we need to have. This year we are attempting to have all DVDs, but all formats are happily accepted.

02:06 - Relations - Two guests announced. First, Greg Dean from Real Life Comics, and Kumiko Kato is the first of two performing artists. The second performing artist will soon be announced. Art show submissions can be submitted to artshow@sakuracon.org. Exhibitor halls (chris small). Exhibitor hall floorplans and the list of dealers should be available online. Additional bodies will be needed for 2006. Japanese relations (Hideki) - There is a travel company organizing trips to Sakura-Con from Japan, So we will have an influx of japanese attendees this year.

02:14 - Operations - Registration - we have 1514 registrations, up from 1100 last year, not including mail-ins and today's registration. Last year we had 40% of all pre-registrations in the last two weeks. Registration still needs a few more volunteers. reimbursements will be handled by Treasury. Audio equipment has been purchased by the con this year to save on long term costs. Tech needs more volunteers, see Chris, the new tech coordinator. Volunteer coordinator - Please use the yahoo group all staff if you need volunteers. Security - We are still setting up times for CPR and walkie talkie training., as well as a walkthrough coming up. Things purchased by operations include the main events speakers. Steve, the assistant Hotel Liasion, has been an excellent resource for the audio purchases. Video purchases are forthcoming.

02:29 - Hotel - The Hilton has been given a list of names of Staff members for the staff rate. If you still need to sign up, contact the Hotel liasion if you need to sin up for a room. Names must be submitted in order to receive the staff rate.

02:31 - Publicity - Emerald City ComiCon was a huge success. Over 2000 flyers were passed out, with 20 registrations, and a professional atmosphere made ECC a success. KOMO news will provide us with a 15 second Public Service Announcement, provided we have 15 members of the organization representing at the studio. contact Jeff at publicity@sakuracon.org if you are interested. 150 full color posters have been printed to promote the event at businesses and other events. Volunteers for info booth, press room, and videography are still needed. This saturday at Meeker middle school (in Kent) is the publicity meeting. Web - last month had 4gigs of transfer, this month we are alredy at 3gigs. the mailing lists have about 800 for regular, 77 for staff. Forum - We have 1,800 forum regulars with only around 200 inactive, and after the DOS attacks and some forum bugs, things are back to normal. Japan A Radio has been doing cross-promoting with Sakura-Con. Team Sakura - NorWesCon (easter weekend) will have an anime room supported by ANCEA. The Cherry Blossom festival is also coming up. at the end of April, followed by Anime Expo, then cascadia-con. (ANCEA sub report - ANCEA is doing another film event for Asian film). Con Book - The book is under w