

Sakura-Con General meeting notes

1:16 Programming - Special events - Cosplay Awards has been finalized, adding a couple of new awards for staff. We also got our first registration from Japan in the mail. Pre-meeting registration starts at 9:00am on Saturday. Friday seating at 7:00 will have a live voice acting presentation and singing, as well as possible swordplay. The charity auction is on schedule. Gaming (anthony) - things are moving along, with a few things being finalized. Arcade lineup includes DDR extreme, In The Groove, Para Para Paradise 1st and 2nd mix, and Pop'N'Music. Console gaming has 5 gaming tournaments, Smash Bros. Mario Kart, Mario Tennis, Guilty Gear, and Soul Calibur. Microsoft will be sponsoring half of the gaming room this year. There will be a Go tournament as well as CCG and Tabletop gaming room and Tournament. Staffing for Programming needs people for the daytime, sitting at 25 out of 30 people needed. Some of the new panels include Tea Ceremonies twice on Saturday at 11:00 and 2:30. Mona Wong will also be on hand doing Chinese knotting. Evelyn Wong will be displaying her paintings in the arts and crafts room. Coloring/Crafts will be available as well as sumi (Chinese character art). Harmony Gold will be premiering Code Name Robotech and Tungo and Lushu on Saturday at 11:00, as well as a couple of previews and panels. Mechanized Propulsion Group will be returning as well. There will also be a Parent's guide to Anime on Saturday at 9:00am. Sumo Suits will be back this year. There will also be a room dedicated to artists and fanfic writers. There is an event at 9:00pm on Saturday called the fanfic slumber party. There will be a 24 hour Hong Kong video room this year including Comedy, Drama, Kung Fu, and more. There will also be a discussion panel (time permitting). There will also be the anime live music jam session, which is a sort of an open mic for instrumentalists.

1:43 - Operations - Registration is now closed. We stand at 2,334 attendees. Registration will be open from 5-8pm on Thursday (first hour is for staff only), Friday Saturday 8-5 and Sunday 9-3. Registration staff is fine. Security this year will have orange vests to identify staff members. Staff training will be on the 20th for coordinators and bodyguards to walkthrough the hotel, and teams will be organized at that time. Security will have a new name next year, so check the forums for a place to post your suggestions. Volunteer coordinator - We have good numbers for the Yahoo group for volunteers. Tech - still looking for volunteers to set up, tear down, and maintain equipment during the convention. Staff preservation - everything is on track to keep our staff fed and satisfied.

1:35 - ANCEA - There will be a movie party in June, at the same location as the bag stuffing party.

2:00 - HOTE - Hotel rooms are full. If staff have reserved a room, but have not given their name to Daniel Harrison (The Hotel Coordinator), they need to do so now. Otherwise, the Clarion and the Doubletree are also good choices.

2:10 - Adjourn for a short break.

2:20 - Reconvene.

2:21 - TREASURY - Guest reception pre-reg is closed. Approx. 10 tickets will be available at the door. ANCEA has been paid 6,000 per annual donation. The CD has been closed. Current total balance is approx. 89,000 dollars.

2:25 - RELATIONS - There are still announcements to be made pending finalized contracts. Fred Perry of Gold Digger will be attending. Exhibitor Hall is full, details are posted on the website. Artist Alley is full but details are pending. Angela is official, and is posted on the news site. The ADV guest is going to be David Maternga, pending approval. He was in Sayuki Reload. Penny Arcade will be back.

2:30 - PUBLICITY - Northwest Afternoon is a go for Thursday at 2:00. email publicity if you'd like to be on TV on the 31st. Web team - Web transfer was 6.5 Gigabytes last month, this month is sitting at 3.5 GB as of the 13th. Forum - Over 2,000 registered members are on the board. Global announcements need to be properly maintained, and this issue will have hopefully been alleviated. Templates will be up soon pending a couple of fixes. All "Coming Soon" pages will be soon updated, and Merchandise will be available online soon. Infobooth will have 3 locations this year, and a couple of volunteers are still needed. Merchandising - Japanese shirts are new this year, and will be available soon. Lanyards, pins, and keychains will be available at this meeting before the convention, and will be available at the convention as well. The Convention book is finished and at the printer. The pocket guide is finished pending final schedules and other minutae.

2:42 - SECRETARY - minutes are available online.

2:43 - Proposal to go to an alternating two year terms, with 4 executives elected one year, and the remaining 4 executives being elected the following year.

Floor - Suggestion to have 3 year terms.

Floor - Comment from previous executive: it may be difficult to find people willing to join for 3 years.

Floor - Suggestion to split some of the board positions into more diversified positions.

Floor - Comment that more executive positions would be harder to fill.

Floor - Comment that an archive would be extremely helpful.

Floor - support previous comment

Floor - Comment from Dan Harrison - Burnout is an important issue to look at.

Floor - Move to table the discussion and move it to the forum until the next General meeting

2:53 motion seconded. motion passed.

Fireunion Hall in tacoma Bag Stuffing party from noon until it is finished.

3:11 - Motion to close.

3:12 - Seconded. Meeting adjourned.