

Sakura-Con General Meeting
February 18, 2006
Washington State Convention and Trade Center Rooms 2A-2B

Present: John Krall, Daniel Harrison, Nathan Martin, Renee Naddeo, Rob Warner, Sean Larson, Elmira Utz, Wally Lindsay-Garrett
on behalf of Rik Wall

12:35 Meeting Opened

- Greeting from convention chair

12:37 Secretary

- Org Chart and Staff list are close to complete
- Reading of minutes

12:44 Treasury

- Sitting at \$138,687.58
- Several large payments have been made, with several more pending.
- Treasury will be handling registrations at the meeting. There will be a guest reception on Friday, March 24th, \$30.
- Paypal is going very well, with registrations from all over the country
- See Treasurer Notes for detailed information

12:47 Operations

- Registration estimated 2500 pre-registrations, with more waiting to be added.
- **Registration is still looking for staff**
 - Staff Badges can be picked up on Thursday (March 24th) in room 201
 - The only badges available at the registration booth are attendee badges
 - ALL NON-ATTENDEE BADGES WILL BE IN THE CONVENTION OFFICE, ROOM 201
- Tech is going pretty well. We have every piece of gear ordered, with most of it performing as planned. "Sakura-Plex" computers are pending.
 - **Tech is looking for staff and for volunteers to help out at the "encoding party"**
 - The "encoding party" is TBA
- SAS is full, no longer looking for staff.
- **Member Services is looking for Volunteer Coordinators**
- **Operations C&C is looking for staff**
- Operations has a few last things to pick up, and is otherwise ready to go.

01:01 Programming

- Confirmation for all people who submitted panels will be going out this week.
- AMV Contest deadline is February 28th
 - A list of accepted AMVs will be available on the website on March 12th
- Special Events
 - Fashion Show is going well, with entry forms figured out. Sign up form will be available at con
 - Our MC is Mark Nguyen and the 404s
 - They are also working on the Opening movie. Vlad is working on that as well
 - Dances are being planned, and are going well. The raves start between 9:30pm and 10:00pm and will go until 4:30am
 - Friday Night is the Techno dance
 - Saturday Night is the Anime dance
 - Masquerade ball Friday 7:30pm at the Hilton
 - Half of the invitations are available for staff
 - Cosplay is going pretty well.
 - Everything is ready, working on schedules.
 - The half-time show is half-done
 - Still looking for judges.
 - 15 groups are signed up. 30 slots are available
 - Cosplay groups will be recorded the evening prior.
 - It is suggested that recordings be practiced beforehand.
- Karaoke will have two contests

- Youth edition Saturday at noon.
 - Open to all staff
- Adult edition Saturday at 7:00pm
 - Open to all staff
- Open Mic Friday from noon to 4:00pm
 - **Karaoke is looking for judges and staff**
- Charity Auction is looking auction items.
 - It will be in Auxiliary events hall
- Sakura-Chibi
 - Open to children ages 6 to 12
 - Looking for one more judge.
 - Friday 5:30-7:00 Saturday 3-4 in the Karaoke room
 - Details will be on the website soon
- Live Programming
 - **Creation Station is looking for volunteers**
- Video Room
 - Asian Cinema nights will be in this year.
- Gaming
 - Miniatures is going well
 - Console Coordinator is looking for Current generation systems to fill the rooms.
 - Microsoft has it's own room, and will have 10 Xboxes, 6 Xbox360s, and will give away an Xbox360.
 - Arcade will have several contests
 - Marvel Vs. Capcom tournament
 - Guitar Hero Tournament
 - Double Dare Revolution contest
 - We also have a Tournament Room
 - Gaming will announce tournament dates and times
 - Schedules must be submitted by March 6th
 - **Console gaming is looking for staff**
- There will be a manga room this year.
- There will also be a cosplay repair station: Sewing machine, glue guns, duct tape, etc.
 - **Cosplay repair station is looking for staff**
- **Programming is looking for general staff** contact Chris Norman
- All staff will be allowed to go into any ticketed event (show your badge)
 - You may be asked to help usher.
 - Staff seating is near the front, behind guests

1:53 Publicity

- Con Book deadline is yesterday (Feb. 17th)
- Commercial is still being played. Flyers are available to be distributed
- Online Systems Information
 - Today's information will be showing up tonight or tomorrow
 - There is a guide to parking available in the Location section of the website
- Public Relations
 - The Mascot contest voting will be at the March 19th General meeting
 - There will be an interview on "Across the Sea" on KGRG radio
 - There are currently 93 press passes.
 - Several radio stations will be on hand (several will have badges to give away)
 - Japan A-Radio will be broadcasting live.
- Info Booth
 - Anime Fusion tour had us passing out flyers
- Merchandising
 - We will have two new shirts available, as well as Staff shirts.
 - Contact Wedger (on the forums) for staff shirt sizes, and to order. Staff shirts are free
- Publications is finalizing
 - **Deadlines have passed**
 - Bag Stuffing Party (and General Meeting) March 19th at noon at Meeker Middle School

- Pre-Con Newsletter has space available for article submissions
- Pocket Guide is March 6th
 - The pocket guide will be handed out at registration, not in the con bag.
- Pre-Registration deadline is Feb. 28th. We are well below our 6,000 registration limit for a free gameworks card.

2:06 Recess

2:29 Relations

- 2 guests to announce. 11 American guests pending, 5 or 6 Japanese guests pending
 - Jennifer Sakaguchi, Wendy Garret from GunXSword
 - Katie Blair, Ninja High School
- **Relations is looking for staff**
 - Exhibition Hall has 8 booths left in Exhibition hall.
 - 71 paid vendors
 - 8 Marketplace, 5 corporate
 - it should all be sold out by the end of the month
 - There will be food available (standard fare). Pocky, Sushi, and Ramune will be available.
 - There will be a thread on the forum to choose which flavors to carry
 - Staff can come in at 11am on Friday, an hour before it opens to the public
- Artist Alley is going well
 - 19 tables have sold, and 19 more are coming, close to 40.
 - Artist Alley will be in the Exhibits hall

2:41 Facilities

- **2007 dates: April 6, 7, 8.**
- Hotels are almost all filled. There is still room in the Red Lion
 - Reserve your room now!
 - Doubles are 150 a night at the Red Lion

2:48 ANCEA Report

- ANCEA is busy consolidating the two boards. There will be a vote coming up this week.
- Consolidation will create one membership instead of two
- We hope to have the consolidation and reorganization finished in time for the April meeting and elections.
- The Sakura-Con elections will be on April 23rd.

2:55 Executive Term length determinations

- This will be used in case we do not consolidate this year. The terms will be staggered to prevent “takeover” elections, and will alternate with the ANCEA elections
- The Chair and Vice chair will be fixed, and will not be decided by random draw.
- A Motion has been presented to set the Chair term at 1 year for the 2006-2007 term and the Vice chair term at 2 years. Subsequent terms will be alternating 2 year terms.
- 1st random: Relations and Secretary: Secretary Calls Heads : Tails : Relations chooses 1 year
- 2nd random: Operations and Publicity: Operations Calls Tails : Tails : Operations choose 2 year
- Default Programming to 2 year position
- Motion has been made to have at the next elections, the Sakura-Con board be voted in as follows: Chair-1 year term: Vice Chair-2 year term: Treasury-2 year term: Secretary-2 year term: Operations-2 year term: Programming-2 year term: Publicity-1 year term: Relations-1 year term for the period of 1 term, with subsequent terms lasting for 2 years.
- For – 68 Against – 0 Abstain – 4
- Motion Passed

3:14 New Business

- Proposal to alter the logo that was previously tabled at the September meeting
 - Explanation by Julian Fong
 - Modifying the logo to change all lettering to face upright, and to adjust the lettering of the word “Sakura-Con” to prevent the letter “R” from being split by the black-white contrast.
 - Motion opened to discussion
 - Motion to keep the logo.
 - For - 66 Against – 5 Abstain – 7

- CAF – Classic Anime Festival
 - 2 Day event at a hotel.
 - No public announcement, still in planning stage
 - Registration only event.
 - Registration likely no more than \$30
 - Possibly during Halloween weekend.
- Proposal to provide a rebate or discount for seniors, disabled, or military
 - 2006 will not have any discount for the above.
- Anime Car Show
 - Two categories: Most accurate recreations, and nicest car.
- Message Board: 4th Annual Gameworks Message Board Meeting at Gameworks at 4:30pm

3:40 Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.