

Sakura-Con General Meeting September 24, 2006

Meeting called to order with the throwing of free stuff at 1:16 PM.

Membership Secretary Election

Candidates: Jen Prolux, Robert Kupcek

Both candidates make statements and entertained questions.

Candidates step outside for voting purposes.

Motion made to make a closed ballot vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion passes.

Vote occurs.

Candidates are invited back in the room while a five-minute break is called and the votes are counted.

Votes are validated and sealed.

Robert Kupcek is confirmed as the new Membership Secretary.

Operations

Over 1100 people in pre-reg. With paypal possibly over 1500.

Tech Report -- Ryan

- New equipment is 96%. Inventory still being done in shed.
- Speakers blown last year – being replaced.
- 3 main rooms will have 5.1 Dolby Surround sound
- Tech staff needs more staff members.

Registration

- Still need staff members

Member Services

- Yahoo group for volunteers has over 170 people on it.
- Need more staff

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- Nicole Urban has stepped down and Sam Faris has stepped in to take over.

Ops Office

- Still needs more people
- Also needs a night manager.

Relations

Artist Alley Coordinator – Lori Collins

32 Non-reserved tables paid for.

Artist Alley moved to where the arcade was last year on 4th floor.

Treasury

- Budget approved.
- First payment for Convention Center handed in, next payment in March.

Programming

- New Live Programming Manager – Mike Stark

- Fan Fic/Creation Station is doing well enough to get 2 rooms.
- Need more staff.
- Hall Cosplay – instead of roaming judges, will have a designated area where they will take pictures and the judges will be able to look at the pictures.
- Gaming – going well, they have all their sponsorship to relations.
- Special Events - Manager has stepped down and being handled between Shawn and Turbo.
- AMVs have only received 3 submissions. Secondary contest – Showing all AMVs that won previous contests in previous Sakura-con years and have them judged in the categories that they won.
- Cos-play – still finalizing rules for dress codes. Plans in works to try to get previous cos-play winners to use as judges. And need for a cos-play tech.
- Dances – Using lasers and hazers. Full on laser show on second night of dances (Saturday). Hazers are being used instead of a fog machine. DJs booked and contracts sign. Friday – House/top 40 music. Saturday – Will be having techno mixes. Announcements of DJs will be posted on web site.
- Still looking for someone for the prize distribution center.

Publicity

- Team Sakura is in need of people to help promote the convention.
- Press coordinator position is still available.
- Mascot contest for 2008 – rules will be on website. Children’s category will be discontinued. Deadline is January 31st for submissions.
- Statistics for forums -- will be posted on the forums for a random day survey that was done that shows how busy it was that day based on posts done that day.
- Japanese web site translator could use some additional help translating the web pages.
- Merchandising – Storage shed inventory done (6 hours) of merchandise. 836 old shirts from 2006 and previous.
- Newsletter – electronic format, planned to be available on Oct. 30th.
- Halloween party October 27th at University Heights 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

Facilities

- Hotels filling up – ahead of last year.
- Walkthroughs are possible, please contact facilities@sakuracon.org to arrange a time.
- Mike made mention that communication needs to be increased as a general statement.

New business

- Dinger moved to closed and it was seconded.
- Meeting closed at 3:00 pm.