

General Meeting – 02/25/07

Meeting started at 1:20 pm.

6 Weeks away...

Started with introduction of the Exec Staff.

Treasury -- \$175,000 reduced by \$33,000 as per 2nd payment to convention center. Guest reception is in the Sheraton.

Facilities

- Hotels going pretty good. Web site for Pike Street Suites (formerly known as Summerfield Suites) hasn't been moved over. Please call them directly, not the web site.
- Rooming blocks close on March 5th, so please pre-reserve your rooms.
- Info monitors in convention center – We might be able to use them and will try to coordinate them.
- Fire Marshal inspection is on Thursday.
- Staff rooms are \$135 + tax per night.

Secretaries – Reminder on the contracts, that per by-laws, only BoD can sign contracts or those authorized. And that all contract copies need to be delivered to her.

Relations

- New guest – Sumi Shimamoto who was a voice actor in a number of Miyazaki animations.
- Art show – 12 panels sold. Still needing volunteers.
- Artist Alley – Seating chart assigned and full.
- 9 to 5 booths left.. Marketplace is full.
- Charity auction – We have some nice things to auction off at the charity. Including a 'Trigun' crate. Anyone who wants or suggest things for the auction, please contact Sabrina.
- Might be a staff-only autograph session on Saturday.
- Guest reception dinner – most of the guests will be there (including M.O.V.E.), top floor of the Sheraton.
- Schedule for Microsoft Playtesting – open gaming, no schedule at this time.
- Reading of the menu for the guest reception dinner (can be found on-line).

Programming

- Gaming -- Still working to see if they are getting a DDR Machine, if not, they'll have it on a console. Super Smash Brothers Melee, Soul Calibur 3, and a few other tournaments (including both Japanese and American version of Naruto). Smash.com is running the Smash Brothers Melee tournament and capping at 500 people. And more volunteers needed for Staff or volunteers.
- Programming has over 900 hours of programs.
- Live programming – Panels are filled up (~133 hours), including Martial arts, tea ceremony, taiko drummers, Japanese calligraphy, origami, Shinto Priest blessing, and a number of cultural events.
- Manga Library – It's a reading room, no check outs.. Room 213. Loaners are acceptable (limited to only having one copy of each item).. Will have a variety, including Manga in Japanese and Chinese languages.
- Special Events – Cosplay, please get submissions in ASAP. Hall cosplay photographers needed.. Also a couple of assistants for the cosplay event needed.
- Video rooms – 6 unique rooms. Movies room, dub room, sub room, Asian Cinema room, All AMV room, and a super secret fansub room.
- Hellsing premier 9pm on Saturday.
- Super Mario Brothers for the Sakur-Con Mystery Science Theater 2000.
- If anyone has the recording of the 2005 cosplay – please e-mail cosplay@sakuracon.org.
- Possibly up to 60 AMVs so far.. Submission deadline is the 28th.
- Karaoke – 3 contests this year. More staff desired. Guest judge is Kaytee Graves.
- Sakura Chibi – Friday late afternoon, Saturday at noon. Needs a couple of judges. Age is 6-12 years.
- Dances --- All set up.. Friday will be more J-Pop and J-Rock mixed in. Saturday (theme will be Soul Society from Bleach) will be the 10 year anniversary dance with hard ravy style music.
- Masquerade Ball – Cosplay attire recommended (believable, tasteful).

Publicity

- March's NewType magazine has a full page ad in it.
- Nationally, ads on Anime Network and Funimation channel. Also, have TV ads on other stations.

- There is also a spread in the NewType magazine about one of the guests that we're having.
- Power outage resolved.. Web site was down for a day.
- Avatars on Forums – please stay in the limits as specified in the rules.. (100x100 pixels and 12k max).
- Commercials are available on website.
- Sakura Conduit, next issue coming out soon.. Con book is almost done..
- Merchandising is having some new items – like a water bottle.
- Infobooth – has room for at least 2 more staff.
- Press Coordinator – Press room, enough staff, but may need 1 or 2 people.
- Youth Matsuri – fully staffed. Having a few groups coming that will be having panels.

Operations

- Registration – 3450 pre-reg. (that has been processed), there is more to process and send more receipts to people.
- Staff registration is end of Month (February 28th, 2007). After this date, no new staffers, but people can still be volunteers.
- Pre-reg extended for non-staff to March 4th.
- Tech staff is filled. They've been putting in lots of hours pre-con getting the equipment set up for the con.
- Staff preservation – hospitality room in the Pike Street Suites. Thread on the forums asking for suggestions on what food items in the hospitality room.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Letting people know whom to contact if they need volunteers.. Also, wanting managers, coordinators to give him information on their groups and points of contacts.
- Buttons for volunteers – planning on using some of the artwork submissions.
- Volunteer coordinator quote: 'I have the brain of a warped gerbil'.
- SAS – Full of SAS. Quick reminder – curfew is 1 am.. SAS members working during dance phase, they will have 15 inch yellow glow sticks. No paddles (Yuri & Yaoi) allowed this year.

Next meeting: 1:30 pm March 25th 2007

Bag stuffing April 1st at Meeker.

Last meeting on Thursday night of the Con April 5th – 9:30 pm.

Motion to close made.

Meeting ended at 3:55 pm