

General Meeting – 23 September 2007

Meeting called to order at 1:23 pm

Announcement: Staff minimum hours is not set at 16 hours (reduced from 20).

Publicity:

- Out of flyers, currently redesigning new ones.
- Team Sakura have been very successful.
- Aki Matsuri has been thankful for our presence. As we've helped them have more visitors.
- New website design. Still being worked on, mock up was available to be seen at the meeting.
- Still needing more staff.
- Parties coming up – Halloween staff party plans are in the works. Date and venue is still being worked on. Will hopefully have a date within a week. Planning for a Saturday.
- Christmas party – Poll will be put up to vote on the forums to see if people are interested in using the same venue as last year.
- Polo shirts – Planning to post on forums to see about interest and about getting an advance order.

Treasurer:

- Currently con has roughly \$148,000.

Secretaries:

- Archival documentation committee – will be brought up during New Business.

Operations:

- Meeting with Programming earlier this month to discuss equipment needs.
- Tech: Needs lots of Tech staff.
- Member services:
 - -- Volunteer sign up created and will be available on web site.
 - --Excel spreadsheet created for keeping track of volunteer hours.
 - --Volunteer orientation planned for this year.
 - --Staff Benefits

- ---- All staff announcements will be in the Staff Room (which is the room where the Volunteer desk is located)
- ---- New to this year: Rebates for coordinators with hotel rooms at \$40 per day up to 2 days.
- ---- 10% discount for Sakuracon merchandise to all staff members.
- Registration: Roughly 1250 preregistered.
- Registration: Need additional staff.
- Saturday's day rate for has been increased to \$40. And Child's Saturday's rate is \$20.
- Staff still needed for a number of positions.
- SAS: No Yaoi paddles allowed at all on site.
- SAS: Need more staff (18 and older).
- Logistics: Need people to help with move-in and move-out. Requested that the people that help with this do not have other jobs during the con so that on Monday they will be rested and ready to work.

Programming:

- Dances/Major Events: 4 dances.
- -- Masquerade Ball (Friday 6-8 pm Turbo Stage – Chinese/Forbidden City Theme – Traditional and Chinese Dances planned). Formal Dress code & Formal Cos-play dress code.
- -- All Anime Dance. (Music can be suggested, please check the forums).
- -- Friday Night Dance (Two tracks per DJ has to be Asian Culture.)
- -- Saturday Night Dance (Top Secret Dance)
- Staff needed for a number of positions. (Including Karaoke staff & Zombie Horde – so any that can be dug up will be helpful).
- AMVs is not yet open for submissions.. Once the new web site is up, there will be a submission area on the web site.
- AMVs is looking for a new person to train to take over the position in the future.
- GameQuest – 10 tier event. There will be other competitions.
- Still working on getting upright arcade games – hopefully finding a vendor that will provide equipment.
- Programming massive meeting for next Saturday.
- Panels: Manga library will be available again.
- Power Ranger – Someone who likes doing random con games (like scavenger hunts, etc.)

Relations:

- For Exhibition Hall problems: PLEASE report issues and complaints during the convention to the Exhibition Hall Staff as soon as possible after the incident happen – Please do not wait. It's easier to handle the situation at the time then finding out about it after the convention is over.
- Exhibition Hall: Tables were sold at Kumoricon. We'll be having a Live Steel dealer (pre-order will be available – information will become available on website).. Including Sakura-con Logos on the blade.
- MediaBlasters – we might be able to get some premiers from them.
- Dealers do not like Haggling. Please do not haggle with the dealers at any time.
- Staff have access to Exhibition room one hour before the hall opens to the general attendees.
- Steven Prince will be an attending guest.
- Opening band contract agreements are nearly done. Waiting for signed contracts to arrive.. Once received, we'll have the information on the website.

Facilities:

- Staff hotel – Pike Street Suites (which might be changing name again before the con) – Breakfast (6am to 9am) 1-2 \$149 per night, 3-4 people \$159 per night (+tax). Please go through Steve (hotel@sakuracon.org w/ subject line indicating Staff Hotel Reservation).
- Anything being attached to walls (or plugged into walls) anywhere on site needs to go through Facilities for approval.
- Walkthrough – After the February 17th Meeting.

New Business

- Plans for a Archival Categorization Committee

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.