

Sakura-Con General Meeting 3-15-09

Meeting called to order at 1:50 PM

Relations

30 tables left to sell in Exhibitors' Hall

Exhibitors' Hall needs staff

Artists' Alley is going well

Charity Auction Coordinator hired

Silent Charity Auction will take place throughout the con

Art show running as usual; we will have some original artwork from our guests and the bonsai trees on display as well

Two new guests announced.

Staff Autographs are on Thursday 6 PM in 4B

Come to bag stuffing; it's a chance to see the swag up close and personal!

Blood drive will be in the international meeting place Saturday morning of con

CFO

\$225K in the bank

Membership

Pre-registration is sitting at 8,034

Pre-reg pick-up starts at 3:00 PM Thursday

Registration NEEDS STAFF; email registration@sakuracon.org

Staff preservation is catered and at the Homewood Suites just east of the WSCTC

Uwajimaya is donating ramune and other treats to staff preservation

Volunteering needs volunteer requests; email specifics (how many, what time) to

volunteers@sakuracon.org

There is also a form to contact the volunteer coordinator on the website

Ops

IT will be 24 hours during the con

Telephones will be administrated by the telephony group

Please find out who needs phones and send requests to the IT Telephone group

AV IT is the video room keg administrators

If your area of the con needs internet, LET THE IT DEPT KNOW, or you don't get internet.

AV manager will handle all video and audio in the theaters and stages

Panels manager will be on-call for audio and video issues in the panels room

Logistics needs to be contacted if you have material you need at con; email logistics@sakuracon.org

SAS introductions

Peacebonding will be near Registration and Exhibitors' Hall

EMTs will be on-site in the first aid locations marked by signs and on the map

Treasurer

We're renewing our insurance and upping our coverage for the convention itself and the storage shed

Secretary

Quorum for the meeting will be 111 voting members

510c3 is on hold until after tax season is over

Publicity

Ads and publicity are in full swing

The Mayor of Seattle and the Japanese Consulate General are coming to Opening Ceremonies

Please check the message boards if you're running anything

We are ordering staff shirts – please make sure you're signed up for staff if you want a shirt!

Start thinking about where Team Sakura can show up next year!

Two pass booths: Hotel and ID check at One, and AMV passes at Two

Con book is at press!

Pocket Guide goes to press this Thursday

We are doing an order for polo shirts TOMORROW - \$23 per shirt, pick up and pay at con

Send questions about merch to merchandising@sakuracon.org

Programming

Console gaming will have a slightly different approach

Live programming will have a lot of martial arts panels, including kyudo and sumo

There will be a kimono workshop on Friday and Saturday

Late night programming is incredible this year; almost every room is in use until 3 AM each night of the con

Be aware that guest panels take precedence over fan panels and the schedule is subject to change.

Manga library is still accepting lending of manga collections for use during the con

Masquerade Ball theme is "A Sakura Midsummer Night's Dream"; please contact Masquerade Ball Coordinator for all dress code questions

If you want to attend one of the AMV Contest showings, staff will STILL NEED PASSES to get in the door.

Contact AMV Coordinator and advise your direct superior which screening you want to see.

Bag stuffing is April 5th

All potential staffers should be steered to Registration and Exhibits Hall. If your friends bemoan the lack of staff positions, get them to one of those two departments!!

Motion made to adjourn.

Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM