

## General Meeting Notes

February 20, 2022



### Attended:

- Tom Allmendinger
- Brenton Maynard
- Annastasia Gallaher
- Sarah Roh
- Alyx Lechner
- Ashley Motta
- Mitchel Brackett
- Shane Rideout
- Dan Weiner

Start Time: 1:10 pm

### Operations

- All AV, Main stage and IT gear all being finalized.
- Keys are being set up.
  - Speak to your manager about this.
- For Shed days, please email [logistics.shed@sakuracon.org](mailto:logistics.shed@sakuracon.org).
- Hiring for main stage, logistics, SAS and AV.
  - Email [operations@sakuracon.org](mailto:operations@sakuracon.org)

### Programming

- Panel submission opens un midnight February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- AMV and Cosplay Chess contests are open.
  - AMV is looking for judges.
- Karaoke contest sign-in as closed and capped.
  - The Waitlist for day 1 is open.
- Prize room is stocked up and ready to take submissions.
- Schedule for dances have been posted to the website.
- No Arts and Craft for the 2022 Con, will return in 2023.
- The anime quiz will be happening this year.
- Hiring within Programming for multiple positions.
  - Email [programming@sakuracon.org](mailto:programming@sakuracon.org)

### Membership

- The membership office will be in the TCC this year.
  - A lot more updates to come.
- Vaccine requirements from the Board for staff is posted on the website.
  - Any questions email [membership@sakura.org](mailto:membership@sakura.org)
  - More information will be going out to staff soon.
- Attendee and staff registration is open.

- If you aren't sure who to contact, email [membership@sakuracon.org](mailto:membership@sakuracon.org) and we will get you to the correct place.
  - Will open Thursday for normal hours.
  - Will open on Friday at 6 am and be open until Sunday.
  - The registration system has been modernized and cashless.
    - Will call will be available.
- Staff preservation will be using the vouchers again.
  - More information to follow.
- Hiring for multiple positions.
  - Registration staff is highly needed.
  - Email [membership@sakuracon.org](mailto:membership@sakuracon.org)

#### Relations

- Couple of last-minute guests have signed.
  - All flights are booked.
- Have a Japanese band and fashion guest for Sakura-Con.

#### Publicity

- Hiring the following positions:
  - Dispatch Coordinator, Cultural Groups Coordinator, Cultural Group Liasons, Reception staff, Info Booth staff, Info Booth Coordinator, Merch booth
    - Email [publicity@sakuracon.org](mailto:publicity@sakuracon.org)
- Print Deadline Extension to **February 25th.**
- We have an ad coming out in the next issue of Otaku USA magazine.
- Please send print requests to print shop.

#### Facilities

- Vaccine and mask mandate is still in place for Sakura-Con per the decision made by the Board.

#### Treasurer

- No Report

#### Membership Comments:

- Feb-Mar: **Early cherry blossoms!** (TimeOut Tokyo, [https://www.timeout.com/tokyo/things-to-do/where-to-see-winter-cherry-blossoms-in-japan-outside-tokyo?mc\\_cid=d6a6578d9e&mc\\_eid=50490ee544](https://www.timeout.com/tokyo/things-to-do/where-to-see-winter-cherry-blossoms-in-japan-outside-tokyo?mc_cid=d6a6578d9e&mc_eid=50490ee544)) Hang in there, spring is coming.
- Through Feb 27: **Japanese Film Festival Online** (Japan Foundation, Los Angeles, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/japanese-film-festival-online-2022-tickets-262098773487?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>) features 16 films. View on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDf2w3f6b3Q>).
- Feb 22: **DOMYO Business Sustainability Secrets | Over 350 Years of Silk Braiding**

- (Japan House Los Angeles, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/domyo-business-sustainability-secrets-over-350-years-of-silk-braiding-tickets-258236029917?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>)
- **Feb 26: Yoshiko Shimada: Art and Feminism in Post War Japan**
  - (Temple University/Japan, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yoshiko-shimada-art-and-feminism-in-post-war-japan-tickets-263578870497?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>)
- **Feb 26: Nikkei Bunko Library Book Sale**
  - (JCCCW, <https://www.jcccw.org/nikkei-bunko-book-sale>; English info is at bottom of page)
    - Stop by and shop at their first-ever book sale! One day only. Prices start at \$.25. "The sale will include fiction, non-fiction, literature, dictionaries, cookbooks, magazines, DVDs, CDs and more." Most items will be in Japanese, but there will be some English language materials.
- **Feb 27: Craft Hina Dolls as Gift in #6 of 72 seasons: Grass Sprouts, Trees Bud**
  - (Heygo, [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-hina-dolls-as-gift-in-6-of-72-seasons-grass-sprouts-trees-bud-tickets-263576583657?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-hina-dolls-as-gift-in-6-of-72-seasons-grass-sprouts-trees-bud-tickets-263576583657?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1))
- **Mar 3: Talk Presence of Cherry Blossoms in Haiku and Anime**
  - (UW Japan Studies, <https://jsis.washington.edu/japan/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156207789>)
- **Mar 6: 2022 Seattle Japanese Garden Opening Blessing**
  - (Grand Tsubaki Shrine. <https://www.seattlejapanese garden.org/events>; virtual event)
- **Mar 11: Yurie Nagashima**
  - (Temple University/Japan, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yurie-nagashima-tickets-272470485557?aff=erelpanelorg>) Part of the Archival Glitch series.
- **Mar 17 opens: Anime Jujutsu Kaisen 0**
  - (Crunchyroll/Funimation, Atom Tickets: <https://www.atomtickets.com/movies/jujutsu-kaisen-0-the-movie/324790>; Fandango, <https://www.fandango.com/jujutsu-kaisen-0-2022-226920/movie-overview?date=2022-03-17>)
- **Mar 12: Forest Bathing Walk**

- (UW Botanical Gardens, <https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/about/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156698543>; \$25) A slow, contemplative walk through tranquil surroundings.
- Mar 19: Class **Making Kanzashi Flowers**
  - (North End Makers, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-kanzashi-flowers-tickets-248769545407?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>; \$20-\$30; 1p-3p)
- Apr 8-10: **Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival!**
  - (Seattle Center, <https://seattlecenter.com/events/featured-events/festal/seattle-cherry-blossom-festival>)
  - Planned for in-person event this year!
- **Asahi Shimbun:** [JAXA opens online database of soil, rocks taken from asteroid.](#)
  - “The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) is offering the public a chance to see the soil and rock samples brought back to Earth from the asteroid Ryugu by its Hayabusa 2 space probe. JAXA on Jan. 13 launched a website to showcase the collected specimens.”
- **The Register:** [Attack on Titan: Four Japanese Manga publishers sue Cloudflare.](#)
  - “Four major Manga publishers are set to sue internet-grooming firm Cloudflare, on grounds its content delivery network facilitates piracy of their wares. The four companies – Kodansha, Shueisha, Shogakukan and Kadokawa – together dominate the market for Japanese comics and own many iconic properties.”
- **JSTOR Daily:** [The Disappearance of Japan's "Third Gender"](#)
  - discusses the impact of modernization and the influence of the West on a social institution.
- **The Economist:** [In Japan, festivals are boldly taking art into the countryside.](#)
  - "Abroad, Japan’s best-known contemporary art is the manga-inflected work of painters such as Murakami Takashi, whose colorful flowers feature on Louis Vuitton bags and in Billie Eilish’s music videos. Inside the country, however, social and community-centred art, often in the form of festivals in rural areas, is the dominant trend."
- **ShackNews:** [Pokemon DP Sound Library launches free online collection of songs.](#)
  - “The Pokemon Company launched the Pokemon DP Sound Library worldwide on February 2, 2022. It’s been available in Japan for a while already, but is now available to listeners around the world, including the entire soundtrack from Pokemon Diamond and Pearl to stream. According to the official post, this music

is also freely downloadable and can be used for ‘personal video and music creation.’”

- Seen the amazing manhole covers dotting Japanese streets? **Gundam** and **Pokemon** lead the pack of manga-themed 'lids'--and, of course, they've been rendered into a myriad of goods (stickers, mugs, pins, teeshirts...) for fans.
  - Check out Pokemon Local Acts (<https://local.pokemon.jp/en/manhole/>),
  - Gundam Manhole Project (<http://gundam40th.net/g-manhole/>), and
  - Japan Underground (<https://japanunderground.shop/>) for more info. Studio Ghibli is also in on the fun (see [https://www.city.mitaka.lg.jp/c\\_press/089/089188.html](https://www.city.mitaka.lg.jp/c_press/089/089188.html)).
  - The Ghibli Museum in Mitaka City has an online shop (<https://www.ghibli-museum-shop.jp/>).

Motion to adjourn by Chase B.

- Seconded by Barry Wright

Adjournment: 1:39 pm