

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on August 13, 2017
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:23pm by Phillip Koop.

At the opening of the meeting, 48 members were present out of 281 total, with 39 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meeting of July 15, 2017, were approved without objection.

Reports

Phillip Koop, Chair

- We have updates on staff rooms and financial information.
- For last convention year, we were in the red. For last calendar year, in the black.

Ash Butler, Director of Infrastructure

- Staff rooms are opening.
 - There will be an email and a form will be going live soon. There are a very limited number of staff rooms. Encourage sharing with 4 staff in room. Priority for distance traveled.
- Confirmations for receiving the staff room rate should go out around October 1.

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership

- Registrations are going great. Ahead of last year. All VIPs are sold out.
- Seeking staff:
 - Con Suite—Serve food to staff
 - Registration—Check-in of attendees, etc.—need lot of staff
 - Registration Line Staff—Herd people
 - Speciality Membership Staff—Exhibitors, artists, industry, guests
 - Cosplay Repair Staff—Fix things and help people

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

- Seeking staff:

- Yojimbo—Customer service, policy enforcement—Check badges for people entering rooms, ensure people behaving safely
- Dispatch—Radio communication between departments—Need to be age 16 or older.
- Maid Squad is full.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Panel applications closed.
- Creating schedule draft. Estimated completion is end of August or start of September.
- Cosplay Chess applications are open.
- Pro-Bending applications are opening Monday.
- Seeking staff:
 - Content, including Video Gaming, Tabletop Gaming, and Panels

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity

- Mascot contest is open.
 - Lots of great entrants.
 - Closes September 10.
- Press applications are closing soon.
- Watch social media for more applications.
- Seeking staff: Merchandise Staff—Must be age 18 or older.

Sam Taylor, Director of Relations

- Introducing Ghost Neko's Purranormal Maid Café.
 - Seeking Maid Staff—Entertain guests while they're waiting on food and drink, play games, take photographs.
- We announced All Hallows' Kawaii J-Fashion and Lolita Tea Party.
 - Guest of Honor Kra (a visual kei band) will be doing a special acoustic performance at the Tea Party.
 - Already sold out of the top tier. The other three tiers still remaining.
- Just announced Lisle Wilkerson. More guest announcements are on the way.
- Seeking staff:
 - Autographs Staff—Desperate need
 - Liaisons, including Industry Liaisons
 - Maids (note that Maid Café Staff is separate from Maid Squad Staff)
 - Seeking 20 maids and butlers.
 - Artist Alley and Exhibits Hall staff are mostly full.
- Waiting for special Maid Café menu on DoubleTree for tickets to begin sales.
- Sake Tasting tickets went on sale.
- Maid Café, Tea Party, and Sake Tasting are happening at the DoubleTree.

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary

- Next draft of staff manual is nearly done.

- Continuing to work with other departments on policies, contracts, etc.

Rene Webb, Treasurer

Not present. Phillip reported:

- Quartermaster needs more staff. Help with Load-In/Load-Out, and work is before and after con, so you can enjoy the convention.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Reports, continued

Outreach

Sam reported:

- Went to KuroNekoCon. Sold a lot of merch and membership.
- Went to Obon Fest.
- Rose City Comic Con and UwajiCon are coming up.
- If interested in volunteering, please sign up at the Outreach Volunteers form in the staff website.

Good of the Order

Sam reported that the Charity Auction is looking for donated merchandise, such as old wall scrolls.

In response to questions, Phillip reported that Outreach volunteers also have to be staff, and that generally, your entry cost into the target event is covered.

Phillip answered a question stating that Doernbecher Children's Hospital is our charity choice.

Phillip answered a question clarifying that we are a member of JASO. Sam explained that JASO is a collection of local Oregon businesses that support Japanese and American business collaboration. It's an opportunity for us to spread the word of Kumoricon via other means and opens other business opportunities.

There was a comment that we don't make it easy for volunteers to join. Several directors solicited interest.

A meeting attendee encouraged people to watch Interview with Monster Girls on Crunchyroll so we can get a second season.

In response to a question asking how we were involved, Phillip and Sammi explained that we helped promote the ONE OK ROCK concert with a ticket giveaway because we have connections with Mike Thrasher Presents, and this particular concert was of interest to our attendees.

Multiple meeting attendees reported on multiple local movie showings:

- Fairy Tail is playing in both dub and sub over the next few days at the Kiggins Theatre.
- Bride of the Ancient Magus is receiving an encore showing.
- In This Corner of the World is being released.
- A Ghibli festival is occurring through Fathom Events, at Regal and Cinemark theaters. The next showing is Castle in the Sky.
- The new Batman and Harley Quinn movie is being released.
- Kurosawa's Seven Samurai will be showing at the Hollywood Theatre.
- The Hollywood Theatre has recurring events for Samurai Sunday and Kung Fu Tuesday.

Jason reminded that the next meetings are September 16, October 1, and October 15.

In response to a question, Phillip stated that meeting attendance isn't required. Jason elaborated by stating that you don't have to attend all general meetings, but that it is highly recommend that you usually attend the October 1 and 15 meetings, at which Operations presents a general policy and rules session. Both meetings contain mostly the same information. It is not strictly required for all staff; attendance requirement is based on your particular position. There is also typically a training session on day 0. Phillip reiterated that the training is really useful.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm by Phillip Koop.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary