

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on August 11, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:12pm by Brian Mathews.

At the opening of the meeting, 26 members were present out of 318 total, with 42 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was not met.

Minutes

Minutes approval was skipped due to not having quorum.

Reports

Brian Mathews, Chair

- Working with departments on continuing projects.
- Helping Outreach. Headed up booth for KuroNekoCon. Will talk more about this during the Outreach report.

Ash Butler, Director of Infrastructure

Not present. No report.

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership

K.C. Knight, Assistant Director of Membership, reported:

- Membership numbers are looking good at 1934 regular attendees.
- Seeking staff in all departments: Registration, Specialty Registration, Con Suite, and Cosplay Repair

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

Angeline Abuyen, Maid Squad Manager, reported:

- Seeking staff: Dispatch, Yojimbo, and Maid Squad
- Now taking applications for the Accessibility Manager position.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Seeking staff: Main Events, Panels, Gaming, and more. All positions which help with content.
- Panel forms are closing soon.
- Cosplay Contest entries are open. Soon will have Karaoke, Chess, and others open.

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity

- Lots of announcements on social media.
- Lots of work on the website. Updates to forms.
- Working on a lot of design projects, including merchandise and pins. Great pins are coming this year. We are re-ordering the pins that sold out on day 1 last year.
- Press applications are still open. They will stay open even though we're starting to do the first round of approvals. Please direct journalists to our website, which lists policies and expectations.
- Seeking staff:
 - Photographers—Will review applications at end of the month. Looking for people focused on event- and studio-type photography.
 - Merchandise Staff
 - Press Office Staff—Help with printing and other things.

Sam Taylor, Director of Relations

- Maid Café: Had a small Maid Café at Kumoricon Lite, which went very well. Training Maids. They are very excited for Kumoricon. Have some additional Maid and especially Butler positions open.
- Artist Alley is 100% sold out. Outreach after that is to fill drop-outs.
- Small Press is sold out.
- Exhibits Hall is very close to being sold out.
- Charity:
 - Accepting charity items at this time, such as trinkets or anime-related content.
 - Promoting two charities, and splitting the funds between them:
 - Doernbecher Children's Hospital—Last year raised over \$4,000 for them. This year would like to beat it.
 - The International School's Japanese program—Donations will help a student be able to afford the cost of a full immersion course in Japanese.
- Announced Samurai Dan and Jillian. They are martial arts experts and historians. Many of their panels are very interactive and fun.
- A lot more guest announcements are coming toward con.
- Seeking staff:
 - Especially Autograph Staff—New autographs policy. But that process will only work if we have staff to make it happen.
 - Staff in other departments
 - Guest Support—Including assistants or chauffeur for guests

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary

- New online staff application form is going very well.
- Working on behind the scenes policies and projects that will be ready to announce later.

Rene Webb, Treasurer

Brian reported:

- This is spending season.
- Seeking staff:
 - Money-counting staff
 - Load-In/Load-Out Staff

Outreach

Brian reported:

- We had a pretty successful booth at KuroNekoCon. A lot of people were happy to see us there. It's a really cool convention. We made a lot of outreach to the Spokane area. Sold some pre-registrations and merchandise, including quite a few ghost nekos.
- An event is coming up next weekend, Resin Rose BJD Expo, a ball-jointed doll expo at the Monarch Hotel. They are interested in developing a relationship with us. The theme this year is sci-fi.
- The next event after that is Rose City Comic Con. They're giving us an opportunity to present panels and content.

Kumoricon Lite

Brian reported:

- Went really well. People liked it. There were a few small hiccups.
- Thank you to everyone who staffed for it.

A meeting participant asked about whether it made money. Brian replied that we don't know yet.

A meeting participant asked about attendance numbers. Jeff said he would check the numbers sent by Membership, and cautioned the board not to speculate until the actual numbers were determined.

- The escape room went well. We hosted 8 or 9 people at a time.
- The Maid Café went well.

Brian announced the retrieved numbers:

- 794 paid attendees
- 847 paid badgeholders
- 997 total badgeholders

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

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Angeline reported that we will hold a repeat of the escape room today at the end of the meeting, for those who missed it at Lite.

Cay Fletcher, Assistant Director of Relations, reminded the room that they can re-share Facebook staff group post for staff recruiting.

A meeting participant reported that the Hollywood Theatre is showing Cowboy Bebop on August 26. The 7pm showing sold out, but they're adding a 2pm showing, with the Japanese subtitled version. Also, Samurai Sunday is returning. The next showing is Samurai Rebellion, on September 2 at 7pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm by Brian Mathews.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary