

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on April 7, 2019
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:16pm by Brian Mathews.

At the opening of the meeting, 33 members were present out of 665 total, with 52 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was not met.

Minutes

Minutes approval was skipped due to not having quorum.

Reports

Brian Mathews, Chair

- Moving into the busy season.
- Working on a few initiatives.
- Launched the all-staff Discord. It includes general chat channels as well as work channels. Join by adding your Discord tag to your personal details form.

Ash “Bunny” Butler, Director of Infrastructure

- Finalized some important contracts.
- Working on meetings with the venue, decorators, and the hotel.
- Hotel booking will be launching soon.
- Still seeking Infrastructure staff. If you are interested in working with the venue, decorators, the hotel, or similar, talk to me or email infrastructure@kumoricon.org.

In response to a question, it was clarified that the Doubletree is the only convention hotel this year.

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership

- Pre-registrations are up, at about 200 ahead of this time last year.
- A big registration event is coming up: Outreach at Sakura-Con. The price at the table is \$10 off the website price.
- Seeking staff in all Membership sub-departments:
 - Con Suite—Feed staff at con. Customer service, food handling experience. Food handler card is required; easy to get and costs \$10.

- Cosplay Repair—Experience making costumes or crafting.
- Specialty Registration—Checking in exhibitors, artists, guests, industry, etc. Shifts are on Wednesday through Saturday, and then Sunday is mostly free. Position can work around your schedule.
- Attendee Registration—Be among the first to see all the cosplays on people arriving to the convention.
- Registration Software Development—Software development experience. Our registration software is built in-house.
- There are 52 VIPs remaining, out of 92 total for sale. Get guest autographs, subject to guest availability, and limited-edition merchandise.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

- All manager roles are filled, including the Accessibility Manager. This is a new sub-department of Operations to make the convention more accessible for attendees when we can. Contact accessibility@kumoricon.org if have suggestions or concerns.
- Seeking staff:
 - Yojimbo
 - Maid Squad
 - Accessibility—New positions, including a Coordinator
 - Dispatch—Adding new responsibilities including a phone number contact at con
- Having a breakout session after this meeting for coordinators-and-up.

Devin Hunter, Director of Programming

- Working on many things we can't report on yet.
- Still working on getting panel applications open. The target is approximately around summer.
- Seeking staff, including:
 - Programming Office Coordinator and Programming Booth Coordinator—Help directorate at con, and help people get information from Programming.
 - Most other coordinator-and-above positions are filled or we're talking to candidates.
 - Other staff positions involving content, including tech equipment running, panel monitoring, Manga Library, and Main Events

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity

- Merchandise is coming along and looking great. Check out our booth at Sakura-Con to see some of the items.
- Press applications are opening later this month. If you know somebody who would be interested in press, let them know.
- Working on cool behind-the-scenes things.

Sam Taylor, Director of Relations

- Guests announced:

- Brina Palencia—Attendees voted on with their food drive donations
- Luci Christian
- David Wald
- Many more announcements are coming, but we can't talk about them yet.
- Exhibits Hall is almost filled.
- Artist Alley applications had to close after one week open. We received over 500 applications, for just over 100 spots. The jury team is trying to review 500+ applications.
- Small Press applications are still open through the end of April—only original content (no fan art).
- Maid Cafe is quiet, but we are still seeking butlers. We are hoping to host an all-butler session.
- We finalized the total that we raised for charity: \$12,641.40. This amount is a record.
- Seeking staff:
 - KumoriMarket—Everything in Hall C—Artist Alley, Exhibits Hall, Small Press, Charity. Assisting exhibitors and artists.
 - Charity—Silent charity auction, art show, or live charity auction
 - Maid Cafe—Still need butlers.
 - Guest sub-department—Guest Liaisons, interpreters, translators, panel interpreters, guest drivers and gophers
 - Relations-wide gophers
- Hospitality—Covers relaxing areas for guests of honor and industry friends, including the Green Room and Green Lounge. Available positions include a bartender.

In response to a question about whether ASL translators are needed, Sam reported that those would be under the Operations department.

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary

- Like other departments, working on behind-the-scenes projects with others.
- Seeking staff:
 - Staff Registration Coordinator—Help people find positions, help follow up with incomplete staff applications with the staff member or the department, help support improvements to our staff application process.
 - Staff Education Manager—New position; oversees revisions to the staff manual, oversees initiatives to record more of the convention knowledge through additional training material and new staff quizzes in addition to the main staff quiz.

Jo Ayers, Treasurer

- Spending is up this month due to one of the tax bills.
- For positions in Treasury, will refer you to the website open positions page. A perk of being staff in the Treasury department: Parties and food.

Outreach

Brian reported:

- The Outreach team went to Chibi Chibi Con yesterday, at Evergreen College in Olympia. There were a lot more people than we expected, and it was really successful.
- We are gearing up for Sakura-Con. Getting scheduling and other details ready. Fill out the Outreach form in the staff area of the website if you're interested in volunteering.
- An upcoming event is Haru Con at the PCC Southeast Campus.

Devin reported:

- An upcoming event is FalCon, an afternoon/evening school event at Liberty High School in the Hillsboro School District. The name is a pun on the school's mascot being a falcon. We will be making cat ears, and hyping the educational discount for Kumoricon.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business (and no quorum).

New Business

There was no new business (and no quorum).

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Meeting participants reported the following upcoming events:

- Penguin Highway is showing at the Kiggins Theatre and elsewhere on April 12-14, and then at the Hollywood Theatre on April 26.
- Akira Kurosawa's Dreams is showing at the Hollywood Theatre on April 20.
- Okko's Inn will be playing in various locations as part of Fathom Events on April 22-23.
- Howl's Moving Castle will be playing at Century 16 Theaters through Wednesday.

Phillip noted that 40 years ago, this very day, the first episode of Mobile Suit Gundam aired.

A meeting participant asked if shibari would be exhibited at any late night panels. Sam reported she did not know yet.

A meeting participant noted that it was the 9th anniversary of Adventure Time.

A meeting participant plugged Polyoid, a space exploration and mining game they are a writer and voice actor for.

Jeff announced that staff registration and Pocky are available at the back table.

Jessica announced that we are giving away old staff T-shirts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm by Brian Mathews.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary