

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment

General Meeting of the Membership on June 14, 2020, 1:00pm Online

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at about 1:01pm by Brian Mathews.

At the initial quorum count, the meeting continued once 30 members signed in as present, thus meeting quorum. In total during the meeting, 42 members signed in as present out of 602 total, with 30 needed to reach quorum.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meetings of April 4, 2020 (updated); and May 9, 2020; were approved without objection.

Reports

Chair

Brian Mathews, Chair, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Been working with other directors on some **big** projects (nothing to announce yet, but you'll see soon!).
- You're going to see a lot of "not a lot to report" from me until these projects are announced. I am working, just on long-term stuff!
- Wanted to remind people that we have an HR (Human Relationship) department. Please email any concerns to hr@kumoricon.org.

Brian also reported:

- We made an announcement on Facebook in support of Black Lives Matter. In response, we have seen claims that we haven't heard before. If you see something you would like to see addressed, please email hr@kumoricon.org.

Infrastructure

Ash "Bunny" Butler, Director of Infrastructure, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Working behind the scenes on some projects and I can't wait until I can actually talk about it.
- Working with my great team in Infrastructure to keep us all informed and on the same page through these weird and trying times.
- If you are/were on my team and haven't heard from me, expect to soon.
- No cute pictures or gifs for this. Just a super somber and serious slide for a moment. I just want to say, as someone who just lost another person two days ago as well as just in general...
- I'm super proud of everyone here. Keep going. Stay safe, stay healthy, and even if it doesn't feel like there's a lot you can do right now—please just keep going and do what you can. No matter what you're up to, remember to wear a mask and to social distance even when we do get to a point to reopening at various phases in all the many places we may find ourselves. We need to take care of ourselves and each other. (DFTBA friends.)

Membership

Charmaine Martinez, Director of Membership, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited, with descriptions added as verbally reported for staff positions]*:

- Registration counts:
 - As of June 14, 2020:
 - Regular attendees: 1,666
 - VIP: 21
 - 51-person decrease from 2019
- Had productive meetings with Registration Development and Website.
- Staff Registration hand-off going well—still have emails to send.
- Some work still under construction!
- Taking it slow and steady with a little help from my friends and mentors!
- Seeking staff:
 - Attendee Registration
 - Sit and talk to attendees.
 - Prefer cash handling experience, but not required.
 - Cosplay Repair
 - Can sit, not very physical.
 - Con Suite
 - No prior experience required.
 - Requires food handler card.
 - Staff Registration
 - Sign up and check in staff.
 - Specialty Registration
 - Check in panelists, exhibitors, etc.
 - Registration Development
 - Behind-the-scenes, coding.
- Stay hopeful! FIGHT ON!

Operations

Ben Riker, Director of Operations, reported:

- In a holding pattern. Nothing to report publicly yet.

Programming

Devin Hunter, Director of Programming, reported:

- Working on projects that hopefully we can announce soon.

Publicity

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Lots of behind-the-scenes writing.
- Still working on the public-facing Discord (including emojis!!).
- Plans for merchandise sales are exciting.
- Most of the rest of our work has been behind the scenes.
- Seeking staff:
 - Could use some content creators to join our Social Media team.
 - Could use some Discord experts to help with our public Discord project.

- Do you like illustrating and/or printmaking? Join our Mixed Media team!
- Excited about our new merch? Could always use help selling it, join Merch!
- Looking for people interested in joining our Website Development team.

Sammi also reported:

- In the next month or two, we will start selling merch on the Kumoricon website.
- Some items will still debut at con, but they will be available online later.

Relations

Sam Fletcher-Taylor, Director of Relations, reported:

- Working on behind-the-scenes projects.
- Still processing KumoriMarket applications.
- The face of guests and industry is currently changing. Many changes are happening for getting industry content and guests.
- Seeking staff:
 - Autograph Staff
 - KumoriMarket Staff
 - Specialty Event Manager (area oversees Tea Party and Anime Bar)

Secretary

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Continuing to work on internal procedural stuff.
- Further meetings to assist with Staff Registration handoff to Membership.
- Seeking staff:
 - Continuing to seek an Assistant Secretary!
 - Meeting minutes
 - Both membership meetings and executive meetings.
 - Note-taking, editing, verifying, cleaning up for publication.
 - Record-keeping
 - Maintenance and organization of convention's Google Drive storage.
 - Making sure important documents are added, and can be found.
 - Policy and legal-oriented research
 - Familiarity with internal and public-facing organization policies.
 - Policy is the domain of all departments, but Secretary focuses on it more.
 - Help distill an initiative into specific rules or procedures.
 - Very details-focused—lots of organization and planning.
 - Position may be a fit even if you don't have experience in all three areas
 - Seeking Archivist Coordinator
 - Help maintain and organize our cross-department Google Drive storage.
 - Help organize content by department and section, and by year.
 - Make sure important documents are added, and can be found.
 - For all open positions:
 - Apply at the staff application form online.
 - Email secretary@kumoricon.org for questions.

Treasurer

Jo Ayers, Treasurer, reported:

- Created a number of month-by-month financial projection scenarios based on how the COVID-19 situation might pan out.
- Can't report more details until we have something to announce.
- Portland now has a sixth quadrant, and our address is now in it. Our updated address (now reflected in our organization bylaws) is: Altonimbus Entertainment, PMB 206, 5331 S Macadam Ave Ste 258, Portland, OR 97239

Outreach

Brian reported:

- We don't have a lot to report yet, but we will soon.
- A lot of conventions that have canceled have announced digital alternatives, and we have a planning meeting to talk about pursuing opportunities with them.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

Brian addressed an earlier meeting question about whether the con is happening. Brian stated that in an earlier online AMA, he reported that he predicted the odds of holding the con at about 50%. Brian stated that the situation hasn't become more optimistic, that we are talking to our venues about options, and that we should have some news soon. Brian added that in the event that the convention doesn't happen, he could guarantee that we will provide the option to refund your membership or roll it over to 2021.

Meeting participants reported on the following upcoming and current media:

- 23rd Pokémon movie and 24th Detective Conan movie postponed until winter
- New Digimon series
- Cardcaptor Sakura—Netflix
- One Piece—Netflix
- A Whisker Away—releasing June 18 on Netflix
- Tower of God—almost finished
- Avatar: The Last Airbender—Netflix
- Hunter × Hunter—Crunchyroll

Devin reported that the Programming execs would be available to chat in the staff Discord Programming channel for breakouts after the meeting.

Devin, in response to a question asked under the assumption that the con is held as normal, reported that the Fan Fiction Contest or other fan fiction activities would likely repeat this year, but an official decision was pending further planning.

Brian encouraged people to apply for staff and encourage their friends to, and stated that he appreciated everyone tuning in on a Sunday even if there is not a lot to report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:30pm by Brian Mathews.

Submitted, and revised and approved by the members,
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

Attachment: Presentation slides

See file *kumoricon-minutes-member-20200614-attachment.pdf*