

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on September 30, 2018
Laurelhurst Park
SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd and Stark St, Portland, OR 97214

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:26pm by Brian Mathews.

At the opening of the meeting, 66 members were present out of 456 total, with 50 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meeting of September 16, 2018, were approved without objection.

Reports

Brian Mathews, Chair

- Have been getting the staff party ready and getting food. Happy with the turnout.
- Following up with departments on tasks.

Ash “Bunny” Butler, Director of Infrastructure

- The hotel room block closed on Wednesday at 97% filled. Everybody who applied for staff rate will get an email this afternoon specifying whether you got the rate, and what it will be.
- Making sure layouts are correct and sent to venue.

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership

- Registration numbers are up from last year.
- Pre-registration closes in two weeks, on October 13. If people you know are contemplating attending, urge them to pre-register. The at-door line is long, and can be hours. Last year, it settled down around 2:30pm. Pre-register.
- Seeking staff:
 - Con Suite—Food handling experience, customer service experience; need a food handler card.
 - Cosplay Repair Staff—Experience with a glue gun, and with keeping people calm, because they are panicking while something is broken with their cosplay.
 - Specialty Membership Registration Staff—Work a few hours Wednesday, and also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All of Sunday is free. Checking in specialty

memberships, such as exhibitors, artists, press, and panelists. Desperately need staff. Work 4-6 hour shifts.

- Registration in general needs staff, but those are the most pressing needs.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

- Seeking staff:
 - Dispatch—Inter-department communications, monitoring radio
 - Yojimbo
 - Accessibility Manager—Researching options and communicating with staff.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Seeking staff across the department.
- Working on schedule. In process. Will know when it's done.
- Sign-ups are complete for some contests.

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity

- Working on program book. Not crying yet.
- Many things are underway with signage and social media announcements.
- So sorry photos have not been up yet. Hoping to have them up this week.
- Seeking staff:
 - Press Office—Press, interviews, run print jobs during con.

Sam Taylor, Director of Relations

- On Friday, announced two fashion guests:
 - Kimura U, creator of a brand called KawaiiHolic. Also “Kawaii” and “Pink Ambassador” from Japan. Her makeup tutorials are incredible.
 - A lolita fashion brand, ATELIER PIERROT.
 - The convention will feature four fashion brands in total.
- More guest announcements are coming.
- Exhibits Hall, Artist Alley, and Small Press listing will be released in a couple of weeks.
- Art Show just closed applications.
- Charity: Finally got everything sorted, categorized, and inventoried. Excited for the amount of items. Have incredible items, some signed by guests who don't normally come to the West Coast. Will post pictures on social media.
- Food Drive: “Feed your waifu and husbando”. Six characters are listed. For whichever gets the most food, their English voice actor will get an invitation to Kumoricon next year. Supports Sunshine Division. Bring non-perishable food. The barrels are in the Exhibits Hall.
- Maid Café and Tea Party tickets will be up in the next couple of weeks.
- Applications for Fashion Show models are open. Closes October 13.
- Seeking staff:
 - Autographs—The new autographs policy is contentious with some people. In order to give the policy a real shot, and to see if it works better than the previous

system, we need more staff. We will take everybody's feedback into consideration when crafting policy.

- Guest support staff
- Have a new announcement for later.

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary

- Staff registration is in gear. Applications are flooding in.
- Will be doing staff registration via tablet this meeting instead of paper form.
- Working on internal policies things. Ready to announce some of it later.
- On track to make usual staffing numbers.

Rene Webb, Treasurer

- Seeking staff:
 - Treasury Staff—Help count money; the position needs vetting by another director.
 - Load-In/Load-Out Staff—Work hard before and after con, but then can enjoy con. Will be fed.

Outreach

Brian reported:

- Since Rose City Comic Con, we've had one outreach event: Uwajicon
 - Held yesterday.
 - Received over 40 registrations.
 - Sold a decent amount of merch.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

Sam reported that following from the introduction last year of the Maid Café and Tea Party, this year, we're introducing something new for the evening: A 21+ lounge, an "anime bar", for Friday and Saturday night. Will be serving three custom Kumoricon-specific drinks. The lounge will be called "The Umbrella".

A meeting participant reminded that mascot contest voting ends today.

A meeting participant reported that the reported location of the meeting with the park, "Site E", may have been wrong.

Bunny reported that some staff positions are open in Infrastructure.

A meeting participant suggested to join Con Suite Staff, noting that its staffing levels were low, and that Con Suite Staff would get warm food throughout the con.

Brian announced that once the meeting ends, Robert will start cooking food, including Polish dogs, burgers, chicken patties, veggie patties, sides, soda, and water. Gluten-free buns aren't available, but lettuce wraps are.

Bunny reported that My Neighbor Totoro is in theaters, tomorrow and Wednesday, at Century 16 theaters.

Sam stated that for those who like heavy metal Japanese bands, Necronomidol will be playing at the Lovecraft Bar on Friday. They are a hardcore, all-female, metal, Japanese rock band. Sammi added that they are here for CthulhuCon. A meeting participant added that CthulhuCon is next weekend at Hollywood Theatre.

A meeting participant reported that Shonen Knife played in Portland last night, and is playing in Seattle tonight.

Another meeting participant stated that this isn't Site E.

A meeting participant expressed concern that Exhibits Hall applicants were only notified a week ago, noting that people travel from a distance, with some from Ohio. Shaun Linton reported that declined applications usually aren't notified until they close.

A meeting participant reported that it took 5 months to get their staff application through. Brian stated that we began a new process for staff applications for which we didn't expect how popular it would be, and that we're working on ways to make that more streamlined.

In response to some questions, directors reported certain of the areas within their departments:

- Programming: Main Events, Chibi Room, other content
- Membership: Registration, Specialty Membership, Cosplay Repair, Con Suite, Member Services
- Chair: Make sure stuff gets done
- Infrastructure: Works with OCC and hotels
- Publicity: Merchandise, press interviews, printing, design, social media, Info Booth, multimedia
- Relations: Exhibitors, Artists, Small Press, charity, Maid Café, guests, industry

Sam reported that she would be holding a Q&A about the new autographs process during breakouts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm by Brian Mathews.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary