

**Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment**  
**General Meeting of the Membership on July 21, 2019**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland**  
**1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232**

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:21pm by Brian Mathews.

At the opening of the meeting, 43 members were present out of 247 total, with 35 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

## **Minutes**

The minutes from the membership meetings of May 19, 2019, and June 23, 2019, were approved without objection.

## **Reports**

### **Brian Mathews, Chair**

- Helping other departments get projects done.
- Hope to have more presentable material next month.

### **Ash “Bunny” Butler, Director of Infrastructure**

- Working with the OCC to make progress on several projects.
- Bringing new contacts up to speed.
- Infrastructure is mostly doing Q&A for other departments right now.
- Infrastructure is mostly full on staff.

### **Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership**

Not present. Brian presented:

- Pre-registration number is about 250 above this time last year.
- 11 VIPs are remaining. VIP membership gets you exclusive autograph sessions and other benefits. The VIP count was increased from about 50 to about 90 from last year.
- Membership is in desperate need of general staff: Attendee Registration, Con Suite, Cosplay Repair, Specialty Registration, and Staff Registration Check-In.

## **Jason Pollard, Director of Operations**

- Had a meeting with the Accessibility sub-department today. Will disseminate more information over the next couple of months, and on the website and in the program book.
- Really need staff:
  - Yojimbo—At-con policy enforcement and customer service; make sure code of conduct is being followed at the con; must be age 18 or older. We have 1 staffer out of 40.

## **Devin Hunter, Director of Programming**

- Working on a lot of things behind the scenes. Once projects and contests are ready, announcements are posted to the Facebook page.
- Continuing to accept panel applications. Panels are one of the biggest projects that Programming has. We are reviewing submissions. Encourage those with ideas to apply.
- Seeking staff:
  - Gaming—Tabletop, Console, LAN, Tournaments, CCG, Pokémon
  - Audio/video equipment—Major events, Live Events, Panels
  - Programming Office—Push paperwork, answer questions
  - Programming Booth

## **Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity**

- The Mascot Contest is open.
  - New this year: There are two winners. The first and second place winners will both be used and be awarded a prize.
  - Staff get to vote on the mascot, most likely in late September.
- We have placed TriMet ads, continuing from the last couple of years. This year, they are inside buses and MAX trains, and will start in September. Send photos of the ads to Publicity.
- We are releasing a new pin at KuroNekoCon, an outreach event next month, as part of a collaboration with that convention. The pin features our two cat mascots in a yin-yang formation. They have a black cat, and we have a white cat. If the pins don't sell out, they will be at our event as well.
- Brought merchandise to show today:
  - Umbrella—Inverted: Clouds on the inside, and logo on the outside. There is a hook to hang it.
  - Kumoricon scarves
    - There is also a misprint run, which we will sell for half price to staff.
  - Selfie stick
  - Ghost neko-shaped wireless charging pad
  - Pint glasses—Blue this time.
  - New lanyards with ghost neko pin designs. It is printed into the fabric (not screen printed).
  - We are upping our merch game this year, and hoping to continue as the years progress.

- We are adding another merch table upstairs, which will be open longer, including after the late-night concert. Last year, it poured rain after the dance, and nobody had umbrellas.
- We need Merchandise Staff. If we have enough staff, we will open the merch table on Day 0, which helps staff get a chance to buy merch.
- Seeking staff:
  - Photographers and Videographers—We have an application process for these positions.
    - Need management to help lead photography this year. The previous manager is taking this year off.
  - Info Booth—Point of communication to deliver information to attendees at con.
  - Press Office—Work in the Publicity Office, run print jobs for other departments, help with press interviews, and check in press.
- Doing a limited run of construction neko pins. Anybody who brings a 2018 membership or staff badge will get \$1 off the pin price. A set amount will be released for sale each day, with about 400 or 500 total.

## **Sam Taylor, Director of Relations**

- A lot of guest announcements are coming.
- We have some exciting industry news that I can't tell you yet.
- Charity:
  - Charity information for this year is online.
  - The charities are Doernbecher Children's Hospital and The Greeney Family Fund for Japanese Track Scholarships.
  - Charity Auction information is online, and we are accepting donations such as figures, signed prints, etc.
  - Art Show applications are now open. The Art Show is an alternative to the Artist Alley.
- Artist Alley is 100% sold out and registered. 50% are coming from outside of the Pacific Northwest. An artist list will be released soon.
- Small Press is completely sold out and is only waiting on 1 booth to register.
- Exhibits Hall has 7 booths remaining to fill.
- Maid Cafe is still accepting staff applications. We want a butler session this year, but it might not happen.
- We are partnering with the Crystal Ballroom for a staff drawing for a giveaway for two pairs of MIYAVI concert tickets. MIYAVI is an early-2000s visual kei band. See email for drawing info.
- Seeking staff:
  - Guest Liaison—There is an extensive guest list this year.
  - Guest Hospitality Staff—Work in the Green Room and Lounge; needs food handler card.
  - KumoriMarket Staff—Assist with exhibitors, artists, and Small Press members. Answer questions, watch booth for a few minutes, etc.
  - Autograph Staff—Incorporating feedback to change some policies this year to improve our autographs system. We need staff to support the system. Assist attendees with autograph lines.

- Charity Staff—Auction, silent auction, Art Show, photobooth.
- Relations Gophers—Get items or do assorted tasks for the department.
- Industry Coordinator—Check on industry partners, partner tables, and cultural guests with assistance at the convention; a lot of coordination and running around.

*[The last two staff positions were in a report addendum during Good of the Order.]*

### **Jeff Tyrill, Secretary**

- Still catching up on staff applications.
- Seeking a Staff Education Manager—Oversee Staff Manual, record unwritten knowledge.

### **Jo Ayers, Treasurer**

- Did things with money this month. Money happened.
- Seeking staff:
  - Load-In/Load-Out Staff—Move things during setup and before convention content starts. Support the con, but with less people interaction at the con. Email [quartermaster@](mailto:quartermaster@).
  - Treasury Staff—Count money, make accurate records; away from the noise of the con, most of the time, but there is interaction with other con staff.
  - Supply Coordinator—Retrieve items when urgently needed.
  - Still in the market for a trusted lieutenant.

### **Outreach**

Brian reported:

- There are so many upcoming events:
  - Anime Evolution—Vancouver, BC—July 27-28
  - Obon Fest—Oregon Buddhist Temple—August 3
  - KuroNekoCon—Spokane—August 9-11
  - Resin Rose BJD Expo—Portland—August 16-18
  - Ani-Medford—Medford—August 17
  - Nan Desu Kan—Denver, CO—August 23-25
  - Rose City Comic Con—Portland—September 13-15—Big booth for us.
  - Uwajicon—Little event at Uwajimaya—September 21
- If you're interested in helping out with any of the booths, fill out the outreach interest registration form in the staff website. This will tell us what events you're interested in.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **New Business**

There was no new business.

## **Good of the Order**

Meeting participants reported the following upcoming events:

- PDX Scooper Fest—Pioneer Courthouse Square—Today is the third and last day.
- Is It Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls in a Dungeon? Arrow of the Orion—Fathom Events—July 23
- Firefly pilot episode—Hollywood Theatre—July 24
- Kiki's Delivery Service—Fathom Events—July 28, 29, and 31
- Millennium Actress—Fathom Events—August 13 and 19
- Promare—Fathom Events—September 17 and 19—Studio TRIGGER's first movie. Shown at Anime Expo, and was really cool.
- MIYAVI concert—Crystal Ballroom—July 27, 7pm
- BABYMETAL—Roseland Theater PDX—October 15
- HYDE—Portland—Mid-October
- Multiple other anime movies through Fathom Events

Bunny briefly reported on a funny newspaper article in the Asian Reporter about a toilet museum in Japan. Some jokes and discussion ensued.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59pm by Brian Mathews.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary