

Meeting Minutes:

2:05 – Publications report: A pictures section will be added to the Sakura-Con website. Please submit to public_relations@sakuracon.org. Suggestion made to link to outside websites. Added by Publications: Two mentions by Manga Blast and The Seattle PI of Sakura-Con. An advertisement may show up in a local Asian community paper as well.

2:05 – Team Sakura report: Things are going well. Any events not posted should be brought to the attention of Team Sakura. People who are attending other events should consider attending as a representative of Team Sakura and Sakura-Con.

2:10 - Programming – There will be an arts and crafts room between 8-10 hours each day this year, with a designated time for parents with children to attend without distraction. Request for 1-2 Quart Paper Milk cartons and yarn. Collections will be made at general meetings and by contacting Programming for pick-up. Approx. 13 displays and crafts tables will fit in the room, and approx. 6 groups are currently interested. Activities will include Oragami and other cultural crafts projects aimed at a younger crowd. A Goal is 24 hour crafts room, but it isn't likely. Fashion show and Charity Auction coordinator positions are still open. Gaming has Tournament Coordinator, Assistant Gaming Manager, and Anime/Asian games coordinator (this is a new position that is very exciting) other position are available. Interested parties should contact programming (prize distribution, video monitoring, game testing, etc).

2:16 – Operations – as reported by Jon Krall – The Director of Operations has resigned. Nick H____ has assumed Director of Ops duties. Several Positions have been filled, but some are still available. Security – 3 managers, 17 secured volunteers and 14 possible volunteers are currently held. There may be security T-Shirts for this year's volunteers. Training will begin next month to help acclimate volunteers to proper procedure. Management Staff and coordinators include Bruce D. – Night Manager, Matt Marion – Marriot manager. Line coordinators – Ron L. and Chris Vance. Budget work continues. silverbloodstar@yahoo.com or security@sakuracon.org Peace Bonding will be held at a separate table next to the info booth. Policies will change to only allow 18 and older (with ID) to purchase).

2:24 - Alinda Harrison – Volunteer operations coordinator for Sakura-Con. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Alinda. 16 is still the minimum age to volunteer. In addition to the minimum 6 hours on call, there is a requirement to work for 6 hours on call. Volunteers@sakuracon.org for more information. Coordinators and Managers need to contact Alinda on a regular basis with updates for volunteer needs. A new position will be volunteer services who will provide volunteers with emotional and practical support for volunteers during the convention.

2:30 Mike, registration co-manager – 646 registrations have gone through, not including unfilled registrations. We are at par with last year's registration at this time. Preliminary design work for badges is underway, and samples should be available in time for next month's meeting. A few volunteers are needed to distribute workload. Custom pictures will be allowed again this year, and we will continue this tradition; details will be available later in the year. More information is available at registration@sakuracon.org

2:35 - ANCEA Report – Morning meeting - Work towards an asian film festival towards the end of the Year. The Firefighter’s Union hall in Tacoma is a possible location, as well as a potluck. ANCEA members can attend for free, and ANCEA registration is only 10 dollars. The ANCEA website will be updated shortly.

2:40 – Relations – Mark Fisher – Exhibits hall coordinator. Volunteers are needed for exhibits hall security. Coordinator positions are filled, general staff is still needed. 2 tables are still available, most others have been filled. Art show coordinator position is still unfilled. Assistant relations available. Jae Holt is corp com.

2: 43 Secretary – Nothing to report.

2:44 break until 3:00

3:04 2005 Sakura-Con Mascot vote. Over 50 different entries by over 45 artists were submitted to the contest. All entries will be available online soon. 7 entries were selected for voting purposes. All entries are appreciated and all participants will receive certificates. All artwork has the opportunity to be featured in Sakura-Con’s pool of promotional material. Runners Up will appear on badges.

3:10 Vote takes place. Each member receives 2 votes

Proxy Votes: Jon Laughlin #6 David Fallon #6 Bandy Wong #6 Vicky Choi #6

1st Vote

#1 - III

#2 - VII

#3 - IV

#4 - III

#5 - III

#6 –XVII + 4 proxy votes

#7 - V

2nd Vote

#2 - II

#6 – XVI + 4 proxy votes

#7 - IV

Mascot Voting:

#6 Mala Khammixay 1st Place

#7 Mala Khammixay 2nd Place

#2 Space Coyote 3rd Place

3:18 Nominations for Director of Operations: Kate Gilliam 2nded Nick Holkill 2nded, Eric Shweaver 2nded

3:20 – Con Chair. Next Meeting either Oct. 23 or 24th in Portland

3:23 – Halloween Party for staff will be on October 30th (Saturday). More details will be available later this week.

3: 25 - Motion to close. 2nded