

General Staff Meeting – 17 February 2008

Meeting started at 1:12 pm.

Last meeting before our bag stuffing.

Relations

- Art show registration is closed and it is sold out.
- Exhibits sold out and added a few more tables (and those have been sold out too).
- Announced the guests – List if not already on the web site, will be there shortly.
- We will be having some premiers.
- Autograph policy. 4B is where we will have it. No lining up before 30 minutes prior to the session, and then we'll be doing a raffle. Also, only 1 item per person and no bootlegs please.

Facilities

- Staff hotel block being left open a little longer. Please e-mail hotel@sakuracon if you want to be in that block (send Name, staff position, number of nights staying, and number of people in room (up to 4 people)).
- Walk through is happening after the meeting today.
- If things need to be brought in via truck (please contact facilities) so that schedule can be established with the loading dock.

Publicity

- Publications deadline just passed.
- Commercial is done. Created by Vic M. It is available on You-tube (do a search for Sakura-con 2008 commercial).
- Mascot contest entries due by the end of this month.
- We'll have some Bonsai at the art show.
- The local Consulate General's Office of Japan will be at our opening ceremony.
- Con-book is set.
- For the newsletter, we are looking for stories.

- Infobooth staff need to do the walkthrough today (it's mandatory for them).
- Merchandising is chugging along.. Those that ordered polo staff shirts, they will be available at next meeting.
- Website's new version is up and running.
- Thank you to all those that came to NorthWest Afternoon.
- Some food/dining places will be having a discount for staff that show their badges (i.e. Cyberdogs and Unconventional Pizza are having a 10% discount on food items). A list is planned to be on a whiteboard in one of the staff rooms.

Programming

- Gaming staff filled and scheduling completed. Smash Brothers, Rock Band and Guitar Hero III tournaments, and a few other tournaments.
- Seattle Go Center will be running the Asian Gaming room.
- Live Programming panels are completed.
- If prizes for needed your events, please contact programming immediately , as they are in crunch time.
- More zombies are needed.
- Only six cos-play submissions so far. Please submit if you are interesting. Web based submit.
- Manga Library has minions enough to have it open for 24 hours.
- AMVs has roughly 2 weeks left for submissions. Out of those received, currently roughly 40 work.
- Karaoke will have 3 contests. 4 back up judges are desired and 1 more staff needed.
- Masquerade Ball – need some assistance to put together the center pieces together (paper artwork).
- 4 dances.

Treasurer

- First guest reception tickets to be sold today and will be opened up on the website later.
- ~\$200,000 in the bank, but we have outstanding checks.
- Staff badge images cut-off is coming up.
- Guest Reception is at the Hyatt at 7pm Friday.

10 minute break

Operations

- SAS – staff is pretty good to go.
- New date/time/location for the next short meeting followed by bag stuffing mentioned (March 16th Sunday – Noon).
- Volunteer office is doing well. And they will also be a volunteer brochure.
- Volunteer department will also be having a volunteer orientation sessions (including one same day as the bag stuffing).
- Some mascot artwork will be converted into volunteer buttons.
- Volunteer office will try to have some cos-play repair supplies for staff.
- Staff Preservation room is in Pike Street Suites.
- Staff Deadline is March 2nd. That also includes staff badge images.
- ~4055 pre-registration – probably closer to ~4200 pre-registered.
- Registration still needs more staff.
- Tech AV bid is pretty much completed. We are having a few more purchases for AV equipment.
- Logistics staff is pretty much set. Everyone gets kicked out Sunday night.
- For those wishing to provide donations for staff preservation, please contact memberservices@microsoft.com.

Secretary

- Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 3:08 pm