

AGCI Board Meeting Minutes 10.2.2016

Location: Cospace (168 East Center Street Unit B, North Salt Lake, UT 84054)

Attending: K. Love, Y. Tatiana, R. Pera, J. Hogan, R. Rodgers, C. Osborn

Minutes By: C. Osborn

Lead By: K. Love/C. Osborn

Call To Order: 03:28PM

Adjourned: 04:55PM

FUNDRAISING/\$\$

- We will be beginning fundraising efforts to repair/purchase equipment for the space
 - o Kapi and Yaz will create a shared document “equipment wish-list” – this is due (tentatively) by 11/15/16
 - o Fitz will be looking at the 3D printer and discussing fixes and updates
 - o Watch for Black Friday sales at stores like Home Depot, Harbor Freight, etc. for any items that appear on the equipment wish list
 - o A call for donations for equipment will be put together for the next newsletter
 - o A post will be created for members to suggest equipment they’d like to see/have access to in the future
- Suggestion for fundraising: Speakeasy themed party
 - o Sometime in January/February
 - o Kapi will reach out to Fallout for use of their space
 - o 21+ only, as alcohol will likely be served
 - o Silent auction/raffle including items from vendors we’ve worked with previously
- Jackie will create a shared document “fundraising ideas”
 - o Charity dinners with members/accessible celebrities
 - o Flamingoes/Flamingoing (aka Flocking)
- Kapi will research GoFundMe options, specifically to obtain guests
- Kapi will be reviewing and updating Quickbooks with Ryan

CLASSES

- In future, classes will be scheduled primarily on the weekends only, as attendance at weekday classes has been minimal
 - o This will exclude any of Mark’s classes, as he is only available during the week
 - o Suggestion to include weekdays as optional for participants to finish up steps from the previous class, or prep for the next class (e.g. additional days to sculpt, additional days to finish patterning/pinning)
- Suggestion to replace monthly Open House with monthly Open Craft Day
 - o Suggestion to have teachers on-site to answer questions, give feedback, etc
 - o All non-members must sign the insurance waivers if attending

- Kapi will create/post a poll for classes in the future to get a feel from members/non-members about what they would like to see/have again
- Classes can be scheduled in both rooms, provided there is enough support (e.g. someone at the desk and a teacher's aide if necessary) and no overlap of attendees
- Sewing classes will be broken down into smaller groups (~5 students) to alleviate the crowded feeling and ensure that all class members get enough attention
- Classes in future should all contain take-home items, if possible
 - o Yaz's sewing class will be making pirate pants to take home
- Suggestion to add photography day/time to the end of all classes to get a group picture, and to allow those who are interested to get nice shots of their finished project
 - o Suggestion to have Russ' first class back together for a shoot; this would exclude Anastasia, as she didn't finish the class
 - o Suggestion for the corset class to have pictures taken of their work
- Suggestion to expand audience to the Burners by including a leather-working class, particularly a holster class, to get them interested and involved
- Suggestion to host a Kilt-Making class
- Suggestion to limit Russ' mask class to 2x per year to build hype and to give Russ a breather to work on other things
- Suggestion for a large, multi-teacher, multi-day full project style workshop; this would be a full prop or a full garment or an armor piece, not a full costume
 - o Day One: Patterning with Kapi/Yaz
 - o Day Two: Thermoplastics with Kapi/Sewing with Yaz
 - o Day Three: Lights with Optics/Thermoplastics with Kapi/Sewing with Yaz
 - o Day Four: Painting/Sewing
 - o Day Five: Photos with Mark

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROMOTION

- Promote the gift certificates
 - o Available in any denomination; can be used to cover a class, a monthly membership, concessions, etc.
- Continue to promote classes by sharing to all pages
- Kapi will reach out to FOX13 to see if Big Buddha would be interested in a segment about Cospace; will review options for making an item throughout the day with him

REQUESTS FOR CONTENT (C. OSBORN)

- The first newsletter went well, but Steenie will run out of ideas for content fast
- Provide project updates, cosplay tips and tricks, playlists for music while crafting, suggestions for places to buy materials, etc.
- If struggling to come up with content, reach out to Steenie directly
- Newsletter format allows for short videos to be included, so consider including clips from streams

FUTURE BOOTHS

- Kapi will work with Ryan to lock in a basic working budget for conventions

- Large convention: booth (if not donated), power, parking (per day), food and drinks, passes (if additional), printing costs (flyers, cards)
- Small convention: booth (if not donated), parking (per day), food and drinks, passes, printing costs (flyers, cards)
- Steenie will write out panel proposals for FanX17 and SLCC17
- FanX
 - Working to bring Kohalu in as a guest in the booth
 - Would use booth to promote class taught by Kohalu on his wings
- ComicCon
 - Working to bring Pulido/Linsner as guest
 - Building throne with greenscreen behind to offer pictures/request donation for photos/prints

UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- February 2nd – Flash Sale for Charmed SLC
 - This will be heavily-promoted on the page in the lead-up to the sale

FINAL THOUGHTS/WRAP-UP

- Rob has been offered the chance to join the board as Orbit's replacement; see the AGCI Board page for further details