

Swancon: Renaissance 2006
Finance Committee Meeting
17th January 2005, 7:00pm, Chris C's House.

Present: Ju Whitehead, Chris C, Ken McKaw

I. Meeting called to order 11.00am.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

A) Budget

Budget has been tentatively approved. Receipt books have been received. Committee is now able to buy their own 2006 memberships at the introductory rate which will also provide some initial capital.

B) Launch

There is some concern over the launch plan in its present form due to time and personnel constraints. Proposed discussion with John to tweak the proposed launch into something more workable than it currently is. We also need committee T-shirts to be ready for the launch, Ken has a quote from supplier, waiting only on initial funding to make print run.

C) Grants

Currently the Grants application is waiting on the Letters of Support from the WA Writing Community. Ju has sent a follow up email to Lee Battersby, and will follow up again with him next week regarding when we can expect to receive replies.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A) Events

Ju to begin to put together a schedule of events for 2006 calendar leading up to the convention both for publicity and fundraising purposes.

Ideas currently on the table (comments to Ju welcomed)

- Dusit Thai dinner (given the recent success of the Wasteland Convention Dinner with Sean Williams, this seems like an idea well worth running with. Would be a good choice of a GoH dinner before the convention. Wasteland dinner was \$50/head and the food was extremely well received.
- Movies in more than one location. Currently the plan is to have the New release movies at Reading Belmont, Cult screenings at the Astor Cinema and other

Alternative / Art House screenings at FTI cinema. One idea was to approach FTI about running the Miyazaki Showcase again, but over 4 months instead of four days. Ju would appreciate emails with any suggested cult films with which to approach the Astor with.

- Geek Trash and Treasure (to be held in Winter) possibly combined with a games day. The idea is there is a gold coin donation entry, and tables are charged at \$5 per head. There will be fundraising sales of tea/coffee/softdrink/chocolates etc. The possibility of having a games day on the other side of the room was also discussed, comments appreciated.

B) Merchandising

For the Market Day Stall that 2006 convention will have at Swancon 2005 we propose to have the following activities/items:

- t-shirt orders (\$10 deposit required)
- the collection of stuff the committee has been able to wrangle to sell (eg. Paul Kidd's box of stuff)
- competitions such as 'guess the snakes' and 'guess the buttons'
- chocolate sales
- calico bags with the Swancon 2006 logo on them (retailing \$8)

C) Agenda Items for next Committee Meeting (TBA)

1. Sponsorship
2. Events suggestions/recommendations
3. 2005 market day/launch, general support at swancon 2005.
4. Progress report items
5. Committee memberships (\$90 each)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Next core committee meeting TBA/discussed via email.

Respectfully submitted,

Ju "The Professional Lap Cat"
Secretary 2006.