

## 2026-05-05 QCA Board Meeting Notes

Notes by Heather

**Attendees:** Heather, Damarra, Amanda ("Rico"), Daniel, Chris P, Sherilyn B

Call to order 8:10 PM

### Treasurer Report (Daniel)

Current balance \$7,175.02. Bills continue to be paid, but no current income. We do have enough funds to pay our regular expenses for the remainder of 2026 if nothing changes. The price of the storage unit has gone up, but we have enough to cover it.

Summary of the 2025 spend report for the Anime Fusion convention:

Expenses		Income	
Anime Fusion	\$60,568.87	AA Registration	\$2,580.00
Charity Auction	\$171.81	Dealers Registra	\$3,715.00
Finance Fee	\$40.10	Attendee Reg	\$58,296.00
Gifts	\$185.97	Merch Sales	\$1,952.00
Storage	\$2,237.52	Charity Auction	\$1,190.37
Other Operating	\$4,001.01	Donations	\$4,340.02
Paypal Fees	\$2,030.77	Interest	\$0.57
QCA Web Admin	\$269.31		
Other Expenses	\$421.96		
Subtotal	\$69,927.32	Subtotal	\$70,073.96
Net Income	\$146.64	Checking Starting Balance	\$9,315.79
		Checking Changes	\$1,614.51
		Checking Ending Balance	\$10,930.30
		Savings Starting Balance	\$5,734.21
		Savings Changes	\$10.57
		Savings Ending Balance	\$5,744.78
		Paypal Starting Balance	\$1,622.06
		Paypal Changes	-\$1,478.44
		Paypal Ending Balance	\$143.62

\*See recording/screenshare for more slides

Daniel provided an extensive workbook of various spreadsheets and graphs detailing the expenses for Anime Fusion 2025. It is stored on the QCA shared drive to be referenced as needed by the organization. Overall, the 2025 convention came in well under budget.

Daniel has connected with someone within USLI to discuss potential insurance changes, and hopes to have information on updated rates this week. He has also reached out to some other insurance providers for quotes. The number of members of the organization might have an impact on insurance rates; we need to make sure we have accurate records under the current bylaws. Heather to create a new list of meeting attendees and active members as Secretary.

Rough draft of our 2025 tax filing is ready for final review before the May 15th deadline. We are also required to submit an annual report to the Minnesota attorney general including a copy of

our tax return by June 15th. We also have yet to create an updated inventory with estimated replacement costs for QCA property.

PayPal account access has been updated as previously discussed. Awaiting confirmation of cancellation for BMI and ASCAP, but those cancellation requests have been submitted.

### **Completed Tasks**

The board members and the Treasurer held an executive meeting to discuss plans and intentions for the organization's future.

### **In-Progress Tasks**

Damarra has submitted our request for a fan table at CVG2026 but it has not been confirmed yet. They also asked about potentially hosting our grilled cheese service without a full room party. Jenna has replied that discussions with their venue are ongoing regarding food restrictions and she will get back to us about this possibility later.

The meeting notes page of the website still needs to be updated with the written notes and links to the recordings. Assigned to Heather.

Switching external vendor accounts over to QCA ownership is still ongoing.

#### *Highest priority tasks:*

- Public poll for community input and suggestions still needs to be shared with our email newsletter audience. Assigned to Damarra.
- Social media still needs to be rebranded to QCA. Assigned to Rico.
- The new purpose and goals for QCA, along with the plans to achieve them, still need to be finalized.
- Redesign for the Anime Fusion and QCA websites is in progress. Assigned to Heather, but we also need to schedule a follow-up meeting of the board.
- Cosplay skating events: Roller skating in summer/fall, ice skating in early 2027 winter. Assigned to Heather.
- Summer picnic is penciled in for July 18th. Assigned to Rico.
- Garage sales are targeted for June and August/September. Assigned to Damarra. They are currently researching potential venues.
- Movie events: this could be organizing groups to attend existing showings or scheduling special film screenings of our own. Assigned to Rico.
- Damarra is looking to organize a community help/resource event of some kind in partnership with other groups we've partnered with in the past. The specific nature of the event is TBD.
- We hope to host a cosplay dance on Anime Fusion's usual weekend in October.
- Regarding the sustainability of QCA and public investment in our organization:

- We need new branded roadshow supplies, particularly a table runner and printed handouts, ideally a backdrop if possible. Next on the list would be a vertical banner, based on discussions of versatility and effectiveness of the various items. QCA already owns a stand for a booth backdrop.
- We intend to see a promotional presence at Twin Cities Con, Big Minneapolis Anime, 2D Con, Furry Migration, Fall Con, TC WMAF, Excalibur Con, Akeome Con, and CONvergence. We urgently need to create a schedule of deadlines for submitting table requests to these events and assign a responsible party.
- Priority networking targets are Rachel of Adventure Awaits, Obon, Asia Mall, art schools, and Confluence.

## **New Items**

Board meeting agendas and slide decks need to be made available to the members a week ahead of each meeting so relevant parties can review and update the documents prior to the meeting.

Damarra will be emailing the former staff of Anime Fusion to ask who might be interested in helping with roadshow and events for QCA.

For the safety of the potential cosplay dance, we need to research and contact potential community-vetted security services.

We plan to ask the Geek Partnership Society if we might be able to provide QCA promotional materials to be included in their booth at Twin Cities Pride.

## **Recalibrating the Organization**

At our recent executive meeting, we decided to adjust the purpose of QCA and its goals. Rather than focusing solely on Japanese culture and animation, we want to expand into promoting social wellbeing and inclusion through general animation and gaming. We will be seeking input and feedback from our community regarding these changes.

*Draft of new Mission Statement:*

*QCA aims to promote the wellbeing of our community through a variety of activities and opportunities for engagement by focusing on animation, gaming, and the cultural influences of both.*

*This provides an opportunity to strengthen one's intersocial development through mutual interactions between different groups or classes. These experiences are significant in shaping one's personality, cultural awareness, and social dynamics.*

As part of the new mission, we intend to change the name of the organization to better reflect our wider focus and take advantage of the brand recognition built up by the Anime Fusion convention. In addition, there has always been confusion in the community regarding the Quad Cities name as relatively few people in the Twin Cities area know what the northern suburb “quad cities” are. We plan to invite the community to suggest new names, but we’ve generated some ideas internally through brainstorming. For example, “Social InFusion” or various forms of the acronym “FUSE.”

### **Open Floor**

Nothing at this time.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, June 2nd at 8:00 PM on FCC. Reminders to be sent 10 days prior.

Damarra motions to adjourn. Amanda seconds. Passes unanimously.

Adjourned 9:24 PM.

## **FCC Chat:**

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 8:30 PM: sus

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 8:36 PM: Volunteers are uncompensated employees for the purpose of taxes and tracking of benefits, like an Intern.

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 8:42 PM: 🍷

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 9:16 PM: Adding sliced tomatoes to ketchup doesn't change it.

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 9:22 PM: I'll fall through.

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 9:22 PM: Y'all are the board.

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 9:23 PM: 9

\*Christopher Picotte\*, 5/5/2026 9:26 PM: G'night Y'all.