

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra!

Minutes for the General Meeting of July 31, 2018

Meeting called to order at 8:06 P.M. by Bryan.

Committee Reports

- 1.) Non-Profit Formation Committee, report from Rachael
 - a.) Waiting on bylaws to be reviewed by pro bono lawyer
 - b.) Bringing paperwork to next rehearsal, to sign articles of incorporation
 - c.) Once we submit that paperwork, we can sign the bylaws, and submit federal paperwork to complete the process
- 2.) Rehearsal Space Committee, report from Sam
 - a.) Factory Underground unavailable as a space for a while, due to busyness of the employees (I guess, literally, their business), and renovation on the space.
 - b.) Danbury Music Centre might be available as an alternative rehearsal space - we'll need to explore that possibility with our members and the proprietors of that space.

Old Business

- 1.) Interview with Podcaster Jordan Werme - *Mike introduces motion, Rachael seconds*
 - a.) Jordan has suggested we meet after our August 22nd Rehearsal
 - b.) We think we should maybe put the interview on hold until we can schedule a weekend rehearsal, due to the time involved in setting up recording equipment.
 - c.) We might consider meeting at a neutral location, like Panera Bread.
 - d.) Regardless, we should get back to Jordan with our thoughts soon.

Mike raises motion to close floor, Rachael seconds

New Business

- 1.) Motion to discuss Wall Street Theater Concert date - *Pradeep raises motion, Rachael seconds*
 - a.) Due to lack of responses on the when2meet sent out the other day, we need to collect attendance figures on Thursday, August 2nd, in rehearsal, and get back to Suzanne soon after rehearsal.
 - b.) We should make a special effort to reach out to people who won't be at Thursday's rehearsal, or who miss Thursday's rehearsal, to confirm or disconfirm availability. Some people to reach out to include Nick, Lexi, Ben, and Mary.
 - c.) We considered also just deeming October 14th our official concert date, and expecting people to schedule themselves around it. However, considering that we've been operating with such an irregular rehearsal schedule, it seems like we should still try and make sure we have enough people on board for our prospective date.

Pradeep motions to close the floor, Mike seconds
- 2.) Motion to discuss possible participation at the Retro World Expo - *Sam raises motion, Mike seconds*
 - a.) Prospective plan would be to heavily cover Pokémon, Metroid, and theoretical new piece/old piece, and Bastion in remaining 3 or 4 practices to ensure readiness of music, but we think we're ready for another performance, otherwise. If necessary, we might just avoid playing Pokémon for this concert, if we don't think we can get it up to snuff in time.
 - b.) To gauge availability, we need to send out an emergency when2meet for Retro World Expo, and gauge availability at rehearsal on Thursday, and with other parties, and get back to the RWX guys as soon as possible.

Sam moves to close the floor, Mike seconds

3.) Move to discuss alternative/expanded arranging - *Sam raises motion, Mike seconds*
a.) We might consider in the future arranging, on a case-by-case basis, as is appropriate, simplified/alternative parts for various instruments, in case the level of our literature is a little beyond where one of our players is at at the moment.

b.) This is an idea we can make our arrangers aware of, but we will not expect them to do it all the time, or necessarily ever for first drafts.

Sam moves to close the floor, Rachael seconds

Move to adjourn, Sam, Rachael

Announcements

- 1.) New rehearsal Tuesday, August 14th
- 2.) Stephen has begun successful experimentation with his electric woodwind!
- 3.) Trying to book a Saturday, September 1st rehearsal at the moment.
- 4.) The play@NorwalkGSO.org e-mail address might not be successfully reaching everyone. Therefore, I'll go back to my personal account until we get all that worked out.
- 5.) We might look into more names for the e-mail accounts, so we can have a secretary@NorwalkGSO.org, at least, if not others.
- 6.) We should do a survey about how people keep up with us. If enough people only keep up with us via Facebook or Google Calendar, then we should expand our notifications to those platforms for such notices as when2meets and meetings.