

Norwalk GSO Meeting (05/01/2018)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM

The minutes from 4/10/2018 were read and accepted as read.

Old Business

Move to discuss MakerFaire (Mike, Sam) Passes

- Hopeful and excited about recruitment possibilities
 - Receptive audience, proximity to Norwalk
- An invite has been extended for future participation
- We need to set deadlines, communicate more frequently, and be more involved in logistics
- Create an NGSO Rider detailing our needs:
 - square footage
 - electrical outlets
 - chair count
 - Initial contact X amount of time before event (3 months?)
- More Regular rehearsals/meetings will assist

Move to close the floor (Mike, Nick) Passes

Move to discuss Multiverse Expo (Nick, Sam) Passes

- Stage was almost too small - include approx. square footage in NGSO Rider
- Approx. 40 people in attendance
- An invite has been extended for future participation
- Suggested a "meet the orchestra" type of intermission
- Community Outreach, rather than performance/entertainment, as the goal

Move to close the floor (Sam, Ben) Passes

New Business

Move to discuss Non-profit formation (Ben, Nick) Passes

- Minimum Board Membership was discussed (chairperson, treasurer, secretary - see <https://bizfluent.com/start-non-profit-music-organization-8117.html>)
- Goals/benefits of Non-Profit Organization
 - Able to get Liability Insurance
 - Collect dues, donations more legitimately
 - Eligible for grants to cover rehearsal space, musical instruments
 - Legal responsibility falls to the non-profit, rather than any individual member
- Can hire someone to help with the paperwork for 501(c) formation

Move to close the floor (Ben, Nick) Passes

Move to form a Non-Profit committee, chaired by Rachael and Ben (Nick, Sam) Passes

Move to discuss music selection for next season (Mike, Ben) Passes

- Some new interested recruits - favor pieces that include full selection of parts
- Requested pieces:
 - Pradeep's Super Mario Bros medley
 - Josh's To The Moon
 - Mike's Metroid medley
 - Nick's Final Fantasy IV boss battle
 - Andres Soto Kirby medley (<http://vgoscore.com/en/kirbys-20th-anniversary-medley-full-orchestra-score-parts/>)
 - Star Fox medley

- Civilization V
- Nick has tentative plans for an Earthbound piece
- Josh is tentatively working on another piece
- Other tentative pieces - 200X, Skyward Symphony, Ballad of Cmdr Shepard, Pokemon Red/Blue Medley
- Nick and Bryan will piece together a setlist

Move to close the floor (Mike, Rachael) Passes

Move to discuss concert date(s) (Sam, Nick) Passes

- To avoid scheduling/availability chaos, schedule a concert significantly far in advance to ensure clear schedules and venue confirmation
- We still need adequate rehearsal time for new pieces to actually perform confidently
- The first weekend in October is tentatively proposed as a concert date

Move to close the floor (Sam, Rachael) Passes

Move to discuss rehearsal space for this season (Mike, Rachael) Passes

- Possible rehearsal spaces
 - Norwalk Symphony Society (East Norwalk, 25 Van Zant St, <http://www.norwalksymphony.org/board-and-staff/>)
 - Norwalk Community College
 - Factory Underground
 - Musical Theater of Connecticut (<http://www.musictheatreofct.com/>)
 - Fairfield County Cymphony Society (Temple Shalom, 259 Richards Ave, <http://fairfieldcountysymphonysociety.org/>)

Move to close the floor (Ben, Rachael) Passes

Move to form a rehearsal committee, with Sam as chair (Nick, Mike) Passes

Move to adjourn the meeting (Mike, Sam) Passes

Announcements

- Website (<https://www.norwalkgso.org/>) thanks to Rachael
- Will send an email with:
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Rehearsal Plans
 - Link to website for new pieces (<https://www.norwalkgso.org/music-portal/>)
 - Password for Music Portal
- Next meeting in 2 weeks (15 May, 8 pm)