

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
Minutes for the General Meeting of Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Bryan.

Sam motions to accept the minutes as read, Lexi seconds.

Committee Reports

1.) Rehearsal Space Committee, report by Sam

- a.) East Norwalk Library is trying to make it more affordable for non-profits.

We're not yet sure whether that will make them price-competitive with the other options we've explored for post-non-profit status rehearsals, but it's something worth keeping in mind.

2.) Non-Profit Formation Committee, report by Rachael

- a.) The State of Connecticut has recognized us as a business.

b.) The Board must meet soon to formally approve and sign bylaws, so that we can file them with the Federal Government, the next step towards becoming an official non-profit.

3.) Treasurer's Report, by Stephen

a.) We produced 46 shirts and sold 19 of them at the Wall Street Theater concert. We also sold \$12 worth of stickers, so we made \$27 net profit.

- b.) 27 shirts and some number of stickers remain to sell on future occasions.

- c.) Chris (Piano) is currently holding our assets.

Old Business

None!

New Business

1.) Activities between November 10th and December 31st - *Sam introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*

- a.) Tentative two rehearsals between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- i.) Reading sessions for new music

- b.) The Wall Street Theater has invited us to do three concerts with them.

- i.) Charity event (before end of year).

A.) Perhaps if done in future with more prep time, we could accommodate this with some snow-level music from various games. At the moment, we feel like we probably should hold off on this option, but let them know we'd love to do this next year.

- ii.) Video game tournament

- A.) Totally hypothetical at the moment.

- iii.) Another regular concert, but this time with a light show.

- A.) We might have to charge for tickets to pay for lights.

- B.) Also totally hypothetical at the moment.

Sam motions to close the floor, Mike seconds.

2.) New music for the next season - *Lexi introduces motion, Mike seconds.*

a.) A Goat Simulator arrangement by Lexi uses MIDI wind stuff and a guitar trio.
Get ready!

- b.) Josh's Overwatch arrangement.

c.) **The music committee will meet to plan setlist soon, considering these and other suggestions.**

i.) Nick/Lexi/Bryan = music committee

- d.) Nick suggests Star Fox.
- e.) Ben counters with Corneria.
- f.) Mary suggests some Persona 5 music.
- g.) Skies of Arcadia is floated by Ben.
- h.) Pradeep reminds us about Banjo Kazooie.
- i.) Recorder ensemble small ensembles - Puyo Puyo, FFXI, Super Mario World, Sonic the Hedgehog.
- j.) Tetris, Baba Yetu are more possibilities involving vocalists.
- k.) Civ IV/V/VI stuff - Bryan has several scores from this series.
- l.) We have access to the whole UMD GSO catalogue.
- m.) Nick's arrangement of the Boss Theme from FFXIV.
- n.) We might aim to be stricter with changing our selection of large ensemble pieces once we're too far into a season, but we might remain looser with small ensembles.
- o.) When planning, we might want to target for length of program, with concert order decided well in advance.
- p.) Rehearsals early in the season, we'll focus on a few pieces per rehearsal, but later on, we'll run the whole concert more frequently.

Lexi motions to close floor, Ben seconds.

3.) Reflection Activity - Lexi introduces motion, Nick seconds.

- a.) A way to bring the orchestra together in a meaningful way.
- b.) Bring a board and sticky notes to the rehearsal. Each person will fill out two sticky notes as they enter rehearsal.
 - i.) One sticky note will be something they liked about the Wall Street Theater concert.
 - ii.) The other will be something they think we could do better in the future!
- c.) We could spend 20-25 minutes doing this before our next concert.

Lexi motions to close floor, Rachael seconds.

4.) Simplified parts - Sam introduces motion, Rachael seconds.

- a.) Significantly more work for us on the arranging level.
- b.) Musicians at a lower level of skill could benefit.
- c.) We have to make parts that complement existing parts and work well in piece.
- d.) Nick and Lexi offer to help with creation of those parts, on an as-needed basis.
- e.) This is an important aspect of our community outreach, and being a group available to anyone, not just musicians of a specific skill level.

Sam moves to close floor, Mary seconds.

5.) Additional social activities - Paul introduces motion, Nick seconds.

- a.) There are lots of new people in the orchestra.
- b.) Simple introductions would be appreciated - "Hi, I'm X, I play Y, I like Z."
- c.) Something quick to do at the beginning of rehearsal.
- d.) Aforementioned reflection activity might supersede icebreakers.
- e.) Maybe do laid-back rehearsals between Thanksgiving and Christmas, where we do some of the icebreakers, etc.
- f.) Nintendo Switches at rehearsals again?
- g.) We should do those early in the next season; we can't lose sight of the music late in season!

Paul moves to close floor, Lexi seconds.

Sam moves to adjourn the meeting, Stephen seconds.

Announcements

- 1.) 2 upcoming rehearsals
 - a.) Tuesday, October 30th, at the East Norwalk Library.
 - b.) Tuesday, November 6th, at the South Norwalk Library.
- 2.) 1 upcoming concert.
 - a.) Saturday, November 10th, at the East Norwalk Library.
- 3.) No date for November meeting, forthcoming soon.