

**Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra**  
**Minutes for the General Meeting of Tuesday, February 19th, 2019**

*Meeting called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Bryan.*

*Mike motions to accept the minutes as read, Rachael seconds.*

Committee Reports

- 1.) Non-Profit Formation Committee, report by Rachael
  - a.) We have submitted all necessary paperwork to the Federal Government, and we have paid all necessary fees.
  - b.) We wait, hopefully only six to nine months, to hear back from them.
  - c.) Hopefully the government shutdown did not slow down our process...
  - d.) We will need to file taxes anyway.
- 2.) Music Selection Committee, report by Nick
  - a.) "200X" is out, and we have begun rehearsing it.
  - b.) Working towards adding "Skyrim Main Theme" (to be conducted by Steve C.) and "Korobeiniki" (with singers!).
  - c.) "Plants vs. Zombies vs. Mancini" small/medium ensemble will be out soon, too.
  - d.) The music committee recommends that we go ahead and schedule a performance in early April (Multiverse Expo, explained below), but potentially with a reduced setlist compared to last time.
- 3.) Finance Committee, report by Stephen
  - a.) Should be good to make a bank account for the non-profit, while we await tax-exempt status. No chance to research yet, though.
  - b.) Tax-wise, we should file taxes on our \$0, non-existent bank account.

Old Business

- 1.) Previously mentioned upcoming concert opportunities - *Sam introduces motion, Mike seconds.*
  - a.) Wall Street Theater - Sam has e-mailed the Wall Street Theater staff about the opportunity, but has not yet heard back from them.
  - b.) East Norwalk Library - Sam has been in contact with them about rehearsal bookings, but has not heard from them any more about a concert opportunity. We could ask directly about it if we wanted to.

*Sam motions to close the floor, Rachael seconds.*
- 2.) Communications tech overhaul - *Sam introduces motion, Rachael seconds.*
  - a.) After a future Saturday rehearsal, Sam will learn from Rachael how to use Mailchimp.

*Sam motions to close the floor, Rachael seconds.*

New Business

- 1.) New concert opportunity: move to perform at the Multiverse Expo 2019 - *Sam introduces motion, Rachael seconds.*
  - a.) We could pad setlist with pieces from our most recent season, if our setlist was looking too thin.
  - b.) Adrienne, the organizer of the Multiverse Expo, wants us to do an instrument petting zoo, if possible, to educate kids about different instruments.

- i.) Music shop Rachael knows in Cheshire could bring in insured instruments to try out.
- ii.) Reach out to Bethel instrument shop to try stuff out?
- iii.) Alternatively, we could just demonstrate each instrument, and not let the kids touch our instruments. Something of a compromise.

*Motion passes!*

2.) Motion to discuss extra-orchestra group events - *Rachael introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*

a.) Possible events:

- i.) During PAX East.
- ii.) Distant Worlds in Boston.
- iii.) Kingdom Hearts concert in NYC.

b.) Possible actions on our side:

- i.) Organizing carpools and food-getting.
- ii.) Attending panels together.
- iii.) Putting events on official calendar, which could help with getting headcount, as well as publicizing these extra-orchestra get-togethers.

c.) Regarding PAX, we should wait for schedule to come out before we plan events, because they might have events coming up that everyone would want to go to.

d.) Putting these events on the calendars will also help the people scheduling rehearsals and concerts to not schedule on top of events when lots of people will be gone.

*Rachael motions to close the floor, Mike seconds.*

3.) Motion to open floor regarding "Skyrim Main Theme" - *Lexi introduces motion, Rachael seconds.*

a.) Preliminary reading tomorrow.

b.) Sam will help prepare and print out parts.

*Lexi motions to close the floor, Rachael seconds.*

*Sam moves to adjourn the meeting, Rachael seconds.*

### Announcements

1.) 4 upcoming rehearsals

- a.) Wednesday, February 20th, at the Norwalk Main Library.
- b.) Tuesday, March 5th, at the South Norwalk Library.
- c.) Wednesday, March 27th, at the East Norwalk Library.
- d.) Saturday, April 6th, at the Norwalk Main Library.

2.) Board of Directors meeting moved from March 5th to 12th.

3.) Next General Members Meeting on March 19th.