

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
Minutes for the General Meeting of Tuesday, May 21st, 2019

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

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

Officer Reports

1.) President's Report, by Bryan

- a.) We will be conducting elections today!
- b.) This will suspend the normal order of business.
- c.) The rules for the elections are posted in the #nominations channel in our Discord server.
- d.) We are still accepting nominations throughout the duration this meeting!

Committee Reports

1.) Finance Committee Report, by Stephen

- a.) We have a Wells Fargo bank account now.
- b.) It does everything a bank account should.
- c.) We have a business PayPal account.
 - i.) 2.9% fee, \$0.30 per transaction for now.
 - ii.) A non-profit charity discount rate exists, but to get it, we need:
 - A.) A voided check or bank statement.
 - B.) We can work on getting those later.
 - C.) Wells Fargo (physical locations) can get us a voided check.
 - iii.) This account could serve as a portal for people to donate in the future.
 - iv.) It might be a button we can put on the web site, or in other places.
- d.) Stephen and Bryan did some testing with Zell - looks like business features are still in testing on their side, and Wells Fargo does not accept it right now, so that's probably out of the question.
- e.) We have an Amazon Smile account now.
- f.) We have our first budget!
 - i.) Liability insurance, web hosting fees, Facebook ads, Andres Soto's Patreon, and acquiring checks: these are our basic overhead administrative costs for existing, which sum up to around \$1,270/year.
 - iii.) Additionally, we have about \$200-\$300 per concert/rehearsal space.
 - iv.) We aren't sure about whether we'll levy dues yet or not to try and cover these expenses.

2.) Music Committee Report, by Sam

- a.) The music committee officially recommends that we proceed with the proposed concert on June 29th.
- b.) The music committee feels that the orchestra is sufficiently comfortable with our repertoire to perform it.

Old Business

None!

New Business

- 1.) RetroWorld Expo 2019 Performance Invitation - *Sam introduces motion, Rachael seconds.*
 - a.) A large convention primarily for game sellers and buyers in Hartford, Connecticut, put on by a local used media store chain.
 - b.) We'll need to coordinate with the music committee to see what our setlist for that concert should be.
 - c.) We need to seek confirmation from members of availability.
 - d.) We need to make sure the venue can accommodate our stage necessities.
 - e.) We should seek early confirmation with members, as it is far away in Hartford.*Sam motions to close the floor, Rachael seconds.*

— *Rachael introduces motion to suspend normal order to hold elections! Mike seconds.* —

Elections

- 1.) Presidential Election
 - a.) Candidates: Bryan, Rachael
 - b.) Result: Bryan wins.
- 2.) Vice Presidential Election
 - a.) Candidates: Lexi, Rachael, Sam, Stephen
 - b.) Result: Rachael wins.
- 3.) Treasurer Election
 - a.) Candidates: Stephen
 - b.) Result: Stephen wins.
- 4.) Secretarial Election
 - a.) Candidates: Lexi, Sam, Mike
 - b.) Result: Sam wins.
- 5.) At-large board members election
 - a.) Candidates: Lexi, Nick, Alex, Mike, Bobby, Ben
 - b.) Result: Alex, Bobby, Lexi, Mike win seats on board.

— *Sam introduces motion to resume normal order; Rachael seconds.* —

Rachael moves to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconds.

Announcements

- 1.) New board will have its first meeting (alongside old board) on Tuesday, May 28th.
- 2.) Next regular members meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 18th.