

**Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra**  
**Minutes for the General Meeting of Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019**

*Meeting called to order at 8:04 P.M. by Bryan.*

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

Committee Reports

- 1.) Music Committee, by Nick
  - a.) We have "finalized" a setlist for RWX!
    - i.) We have the pieces selected.
    - ii.) We do not have the order finalized!
- 2.) Finance Committee, by Stephen
  - a.) We've gotten insurance paid, mid-June 2019 to mid-June 2020.
  - b.) We have a PayPal credit card reader.
    - i.) Merch sales and donations will be easier now.
    - ii.) Chip and Swipe both supported.
  - c.) Account balances:
    - i.) Wells Fargo - \$912.27
    - ii.) PayPal - \$479.66
    - iii.) Cash - \$268
    - iv.) \$10 outstanding from Sam.
    - v.) Total - \$1,659.93
  - d.) Paid for East Norwalk rehearsal, and insurance.
- 3.) Membership Committee, by Rachael
  - a.) We have an official Code of Conduct on our web site.
  - b.) Media release form now standard in the sign-up, but we will need to have everyone who has already done the sign-up form run through it specifically.
- 4.) Stage Committee, by Ben
  - a.) RetroWorld Expo organizers have given us dimensions as a 32x32 foot stage.
  - b.) We might want to practice with stage tape at a rehearsal to make sure we know where everything and everyone will go.
  - c.) We could allocate space for small ensembles, conductors, or multi-instrumentalists to move around easily.
  - d.) The stage will have plenty of outlets.
  - e.) We have permission to stream the performance.
  - f.) We have a 2-hour block of time, 12:30 to 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, September 28th.
    - i.) We want to warm up before we get on stage, to minimize the amount of things we have to do on stage that are not the performance itself!
- 5.) Social Media Committee, by Rachael
  - a.) We have a new web site.
  - b.) Please report breakages.

Old Business

None!

New Business

1.) Regarding possible streaming/Twitch activities in the future - *Mike introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*

- a.) "Watch Ganon11 on Twitch!" - Ganon11
  - b.) We could have an NGSO Twitch, for streaming concerts.
  - c.) We could host NGSO members who stream on Twitch.
  - d.) Washington Metropolitan GSO does a stream of a game, and talks about the music, introduces members.
  - e.) Mike S. might be able to manage our Twitch account.
- Stephen motions to close the floor, Paul seconds.*

2.) Regarding sponsors - *Mike introduces motion, Paul seconds.*

- a.) "Ganon11 is our greatest sponsor!" - Ganon11
- b.) Ben contacted 12 local businesses.
- c.) Stew Leonard's does not do direct donations.
- d.) We've heard back from no one else.
- e.) Chris made some suggestions on a proper way to ask for money and present benefits to businesses.
- f.) We could host a gaming tournament, with prizes, but donation to enter.
- g.) Patreon talk existed. Some possible rewards on Patreon could include:
  - i.) Picking our songs for a concert or rehearsal. This could be done through fiat or through a survey to people of a certain tier. Maybe both?
  - ii.) Getting a t-shirt!
  - iii.) Getting VIP seating at concerts.
  - iv.) Joining a section of our Discord server.
    - A.) We already have a public/private separation in our server.
  - v.) Patreon might be tax-deductible, if we don't give the donator something back, like a t-shirt. Donations are tax-deductible, but purchases are not maybe?
- h.) We need to consider how often we do fundraising. Is fundraising only at concerts frequent enough to cover our costs?
  - i.) We could sell pages of our programs, as many other orchestras do.
  - j.) We could allow album "extras" behind a paywall, like essays, artwork, or extra music.
  - k.) Access to our in-house arrangements could be a thing, too.
  - l.) We could have DLC character select for high donors, if we do the character select on the web site (pipe dream).
  - m.) We could do sprite artwork for donors.
  - n.) We could do a character creator screen. Interactivity!
  - o.) Tier where people get half-hour Q&A with orchestra.
  - p.) Tier for listeners to our meetings.
  - q.) Tier for people to guest conduct.
  - r.) Book us for a birthday party!
  - s.) Lessons on instruments.
  - t.) They could come on stage and introduce a piece.

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

*Paul moves to adjourn the meeting, Stephen seconds.*

### Announcements

- 0.) "Ganon11 should be watched on Twitch!" - Ganon11
- 1.) Rehearsals coming up: Wednesday, July 24th at the Main Library in Norwalk.
- 2.) August 20th next general meeting.

- 3.) RetroWorld Expo performance is happening Saturday, September 28th at 12:30 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.
- 4.) Check web site for bugs!
- 5.) Choose Your Character by 8-Bit Big Band is out! Give it a listen!