

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
Minutes for the General Meeting of Wednesday , August 28th, 2019

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

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

Committee Reports

1.) Music Committee, by Nick

a.) We have removed "Aquatic Ambience" from the RetroWorld Expo repertoire, citing our concern about how much extra time it takes to set up and tear down the instruments for that piece (three additional keyboards).

b.) We are planning on having the last two rehearsals prior to RetroWorld Expo being full run-throughs/dress rehearsals.

i.) Including stage dimensions/set-up.

ii.) Not stopping or working on pieces or sections.

iii.) Working on speaking the minimal amount between pieces.

2.) Social Media Committee, by Rachael

a.) We have an ad running for the RetroWorld Expo concert.

i.) We're trying something different by running a longer-term ad - \$40/\$50 over six weeks instead of two weeks.

ii.) \$15 have been spent so far, and we've reached 1,500 people over 12 days.

iii.) 28 event responses we have garnered.

iv.) We'll see how the experiment pans out!

Old Business

1.) Sponsors, Patreon, and Streaming - *Rachael introduces motion, Nick seconds.*

a.) Rachael started setting up a Patreon account.

i.) Our account is approved.

ii.) We need to figure out rewards before we get moving on this.

b.) Streaming, no progress - but Rachael and Mike can handle it later.

c.) We need to delegate this planning to the fundraising committee.

i.) It'll be an open meeting.

Rachael motions to close the floor, Lexi seconds.

New Business

1.) Impressions of the rehearsal space at St. Philip Church's School Hall - *Sam introduces motion, Gabe seconds.*

a.) Impression #1: it's big, and was difficult to use the first time because of all the tables in our way. The second time, however, with the tables gone, was great. Plenty of space for everyone.

b.) Impression #2: It is a serviceable space. Weird length-to-width ratio, but it works. Location is good.

c.) Impression #3: The unideal aspects of it are as follows: the size and shape are odd. Plug placement is unideal for our electric instruments. People walking through is weird.

d.) Impression #4: People walking through is weird, because it's not 100% our space, even though we've ostensibly rented it. People taking pictures of us is also maybe concerning.

e.) Impression #5: The ramp leading down to the entrance is nice.

f.) A question for this venue if we come back, and for future venues: should we put signs up asking people to use an alternative door if they need to enter the space, so that they don't disturb our rehearsal? Further, we could ask about the exclusivity of space in the future.

g.) Impression #6: How is the audio quality?

i.) Nick says, surprisingly good for an uncarpeted, long hallway. Serviceable.

h.) Impression #7: The air conditioners are loud, and can be distracting.

i.) Impression #8: The bathrooms give off a haunted vibe from a horror movie.

Sam motions to close the floor, Nick seconds.

Lexi moves to adjourn the meeting, Nina seconds.

Announcements

1.) We have three rehearsals coming up: Tuesday, September 3rd at the South Norwalk Library, and Tuesdays, September 10th and 17th at the American Legion Hall in Norwalk.

2.) Our next general meeting will be Wednesday, September 18th.

3.) Our next performance is Saturday, September 28th at the RetroWorld Expo!

4.) Starting Friday, August 30th, Mike S. will be doing Metroid Marathon, a charity marathon on Twitch that runs through every Metroid game.

5.) Ben's metal band is doing two performances in Massachusetts in September, including one on September 27th. If anyone wants to go along, let him know!

6.) "Practice your scales!" - Nick

7.) Due to allegations made against Jeremy Soule, we will refrain for the time being from playing any of his music.