

**Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra**  
**Minutes for the General Meeting of Wednesday, July 15th, 2020**

*Meeting called to order at 8:02 P.M. by Bryan.*

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

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

1.) Our First Virtual Recital - *Sam introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*

- a.) Recording is done being edited, and is sitting on Lexi's computer at home.
  - i.) We're thinking of uploading it to YouTube, listed or unlisted to be determined.
  - ii.) We'll ask around for opinions on that.
- b.) The format of the recital has garnered positive feedback.
  - i.) As a spectator, it was good.
  - ii.) It was good as a performer, too.
- c.) Sign-up form revision: we intend to ask what instrument people will be playing.
- d.) Having a deadline for submission of entries is helpful motivationally and organizationally.

e.) Simplify: have everyone submit a video, instead of performing live on the stream.  
Removes struggle with streaming.

- i.) Streamed performances sound worse because of encoding issues.
- ii.) Technical reasons for this.
- iii.) If someone really wants to perform live, then maybe they could record ahead of time as a back-up.
- f.) We could do another recital in August!

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

New Business

1.) Mike C.'s rehearsal space offer - *Sam introduces motion, Andy seconds.*

- a.) Mike C. has offered his front yard as a rehearsal venue potentially in late Summer.
  - i.) Power could come from his garage.
  - ii.) We'd all be responsible for bringing our own chairs and stands.
  - iii.) Obviously, this depends on how the pandemic is doing in late Summer.
- b.) We could enjoy the firepit afterwards.
- c.) We should bear in mind concerns about the pandemic's particular effects on certain members of our group, notably schoolteachers, who cannot work from home or socially distance easily once the expectation arises that they should go back to their place of employment.
- d.) We should bear in mind concerns about instruments outside - some people might not be comfortable with their instruments being in a humid environment.
- e.) We will delegate the decision of when and how to take Mike C. up on his offer to the Music Committee.

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

*Mike moves to adjourn the meeting, Lexi seconds.*

Announcements

- 1.) Next General Members Meeting Wednesday, August 19th.
- 2.) Sign-ups are still open for Mike S.'s Twitch podcast interview! Join the fun!