

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
Minutes for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, June 10th, 2020

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

Mike moves to accept the minutes as read. Lexi seconds. Bryan is opposed. Motion passes.

Officer Reports

None.

Committee Reports

- 1.) Finance Committee Report, by Stephen
 - a.) Last year's budget review.
 - i.) Rehearsals were far cheaper than expected, so we spent less money than we expected.
 - b.) This year's budget has been prepared; we'll review it in new business.
 - c.) Account balance as of today is \$2,743 in the bank.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- 1.) Review of the new budget - *Stephen introduces motion, Mike seconds.*
 - a.) Added stage committee costs for storage of percussion instruments.
 - b.) Amended starting balance number.
 - c.) Increased expected donations.

Mike moves that we accept the budget as amended, Lexi seconds. None are opposed. Motion passes.
- 2.) Official orchestra activities during COVID-19 - *Sam introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*
 - a.) Virtual Recital
 - i.) Board members could chair event.
 - ii.) Lexi offers to chair the recital.
 - iii.) Month advance notice for people to sign up, practice, and troubleshoot things.
 - iv.) Open to all orchestra members to play!
 - b.) Virtual orchestra based on volunteers.
 - i.) Ben could assist with recording and mixing.
 - A.) Either in-person at his home studio, or...
 - B.) Accepting recordings over e-mail.
 - ii.) Recorder ensemble could be a trial run.
 - iii.) If we move to a bigger group, Lexi could assist in chairing this event.
 - c.) Virtual clinics
 - i.) We'd have to do this over Discord to avoid Twitch regulations on copyrighted music.
 - ii.) Robert Martin could be paid to do a conducting clinic for us.
 - iii.) We could approach Nick or Josh about doing an arranging clinic.
 - d.) We should, as board members, encourage non-board members to keep involved with these side activities.

- e.) Internal game night
 - i.) We could organize this with low effort.
 - ii.) Like Jackbox games we've done before.
 - iii.) We need to commit to a date and time in advance, so that official communications can go out and people can plan on attending.
- f.) Regular social media engagement is useful.
 - i.) 30 Day Music Challenge has been fun.
 - ii.) Meet an orchestra member could be something we do in the future for semi-regular content.

Lexi moves to close the floor, Mike seconds.

3.) Recruiting - *Lexi introduces motion, Sam seconds.*

- a.) Paper flyers could be deposited in certain locations like:
 - i.) Music stores
 - ii.) Video game stores
 - iii.) Board game stores
- b.) On-site visits to schools or music groups could be useful.
 - i.) Local colleges
 - A.) UConn Stamford, Nina could take lead.
 - B.) We could return to WestConn, maybe?
 - C.) Talk with community colleges as well as four-year schools in the area.
 - ii.) Local high schools
 - A.) Norwalk first, then radiate out to Darien, New Canaan, Wilton, Westport, and Stamford.
- c.) Recruit co-workers?
- d.) School boards might be cutting music program budgets due to COVID-19 issues, so we could be a good opportunity.
- e.) Potentially could start on recruiting before the pandemic is over, and grant people honorary COVID member status, encouraging them to stick around until pandemic ends.
- f.) Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA)
 - i.) They could give us wide exposure if we got into some official communications from them.
 - ii.) We could also possibly get a table at their yearly convention.
- g.) We don't need to start recruiting now, necessarily, because of COVID-19, of course, so the pressure is low.

Lexi moves to close the floor, Mike seconds.

Mike moves to adjourn the meeting, Sam seconds.

Announcements

- 1.) Next general members meeting is Wednesday, June 17th.
- 2.) Next board meeting is Wednesday, July 1st.