

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
Minutes for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022

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

Ben moves to accept the minutes as read. Nina seconds.

Officer Reports

- 1.) Treasurer Report, by Stephen
 - a.) \$1,645 is our current account balance.
 - b.) "We're rich!" - Nina

Old Business

- 1.) Recruiting Status Report - *Sam introduces motion, Ben seconds.*
 - a.) Schools might be a good place for us to focus our recruiting efforts next.
 - b.) Sam intends to fill out the map a little more, to help us on subsequent recruiting runs if we want to efficiently organize by geography.
 - c.) Ben opines that we should never stop recruiting, even if we think we're "big enough."
 - d.) Response to the rehearsal experience among new recruits has been positive.
 - e.) Retaining members is important!
 - i.) We try to be welcoming and encouraging, as a group.
 - f.) Maybe we can follow up with people who have signed up, but haven't come to a rehearsal yet, to see whether they're still in the loop.
 - i.) There is some concern that our regular e-mails and newsletters might get filtered into spam, depriving some people who've signed up, but couldn't make an early rehearsal, of information of subsequent rehearsals.
 - ii.) An "authorized" e-mail newsletter might help us get around later e-mails going into peoples' spam folders.
 - iii.) We don't really need to follow up with people who *have* attended a rehearsal, but maybe people who have at least signed up for Discord or the web site account would be good to follow up with via e-mail.
 - iv.) Texting people might make sense, too.
 - g.) We should utilize the "upcoming events" in Discord for rehearsals, to facilitate attendance and dissemination of information.
 - h.) Rei and Bryan will check on disseminating permissions to create Discord events to the social committee.
- Sam moves to close the floor, Lexi seconds.*

New Business

- 1.) Potential Concert Opportunities of 2023 - *Nina introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*
 - a.) Jenn is a librarian in Middletown, Connecticut specializing in children's programming. They are interested in bringing us in for a concert in 2023. More information will be coming from Nina on that later.
 - b.) Ben would like to go with someone to talk to the Westport library administration about a concert there. They have a good facility, and might even have good recording and broadcast infrastructure.
 - c.) The music committee will help advise on when we're ready for a concert.
 - d.) We have also been approached by the Simsbury, Connecticut library about a concert there.

- e.) We can also try to work with the Wall Street Theater again.
 - f.) Lexi's three cents: we need to adjust the setlist some in between concerts if we do several concerts in a row.
 - g.) Everyone's in accord: all of these concert opportunities are good options; we'll keep exploring them all.
- Sam moves to close the floor, Lexi seconds.*

Lexi moves to adjourn the meeting, Stephen seconds.

Announcements

- 1.) Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting **Wednesday, January 4th, 2022.**
- 2.) Next regularly scheduled General Members Meetings are **Wednesdays, November 16th and December 21st, 2022.**
- 3.) Next rehearsals are scheduled for **Tuesdays, November the 8th and 29th, 2022 at the New Canaan Historical Society and American Legion, respectively.**