

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
Minutes for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

Meeting called to order at 8:03 P.M. by Bryan.

Lexi moves to accept the minutes as read. Stephen seconds.

Officer Reports

- 1.) Budget Report, by Stephen
 - a.) \$1,799 across various accounts.
- 2.) Fundraising Committee Report, by Nina
 - a.) Pre-orders for our t-shirt march initiative has gone very well. 17 people have pre-ordered.
 - b.) We've been trying to get more Patreon subscribers from within our own membership. Jared is working on additional content there to entice people to sign up.
 - c.) Ray Bretones is researching grants.
- 3.) Stage/Music Committee Report, by Ben
 - a.) Ben has a meeting next Tuesday, the 7th of March, with the director of the Norwalk Conservatory of the Arts to network with him, and inquire about using their performance space as a rehearsal venue. This should hopefully be larger space to accommodate our larger group.

Old Business

- 1.) Summer Concerts - *Ben introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*
 - a.) Ben had a meeting with Chris Carney from the Simsbury Library today, and we locked in September 24th as our performance date. 93% (all but two of survey respondents) were able to make this date.
 - b.) Ben negotiated payment; we can make at least \$300, but could possibly argue for more.
 - c.) Chris will send us room dimensions and multimedia capabilities soon.
 - d.) Ben will work with Nina and the social media committee to get some basic backdrops we might be able to project on a screen behind us during the performance.*Ben moves to close the floor, Lexi seconds.*

New Business

- 1.) Allocate \$90 to buying checks - *Stephen introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*
 - a.) Only Bryan dissents, motion passes.
- 2.) Discuss merchandise budget numbers - *Nina introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*
 - a.) We need to allocate \$700 to produce our currently planned merchandise.
 - b.) If we sell it at prices we've discussed, we would have made \$1,109 in "profits."
 - c.) We're aiming to spend around \$90 on stickers. We might be changing the price on the stickers, which would adjust our expected "profits."*Nina moves to close the floor, Lexi seconds.*
- 3.) Motion to allocate \$700 to Fundraising Committee for merch orders - *Nina introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*
 - a.) Unanimous assent, motion passes.

- 4.) Motion to discuss RetroWorld Expo - *Ben introduces motion, Lexi seconds.*
- a.) Ben chatted with Kris Krohn, the director of RetroWorld Expo, a couple days ago. He wants us to play again.
 - b.) Ben requested a better time slot, and Kris said he can't give us a better time slot in that panel room, but could give us a different time slot in the lobby outside the rooms.
 - c.) Pros of landing position:
 - i.) Being out in the open, our sound might transmit to the lower floor, so people might hear us, and we would be able to attract people up to see us.
 - ii.) We can have a more flexible start time.
 - d.) Date is Saturday, August 26th.

Ben moves to close the floor, Lexi seconds.

Lexi moves to adjourn the meeting, Nina seconds.

Announcements

- 1.) Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023.**
- 2.) Next regularly scheduled General Members Meetings are **Wednesdays, March 15th and April 19th, 2023.**
- 3.) Next rehearsals are scheduled for **Tuesdays, March 7th, 21st, and 28th and April 4th, 18th, and 25th, at the New Canaan Historical Society, New Canaan Historical Society, American Legion, New Canaan Historical Society, American Legion, and American Legion respectively.**
- 4.) "Thank you to everybody here for all of the extra hard work that you put into this orchestra, because you show leadership not just through playing and showing up at rehearsal, but by moving things behind the scenes." - Lexi