Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra General Meeting Meeting August 21, 2024 Held on Discord

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M.

Presided Over By:

- Sam Newsum as President with Evan Murphy as Secretary

Attendance

A Quorum was established

Approval of Minutes

Rowan moves to approve the July 17th meeting minutes and to accept the minutes as read. The motion carries

Committee Reports

AV Team Report:

<u>-Presented By Sam</u> The AV Team is preparing to record the RetroWorld Expo concert Saturday, Aug 24th.

Finance Committee Report

-Presented By Stephen

The current holdings of the NGSO financial accounts are:

- \$3,592 in Wells Fargo accounts
- \$700 in paypal account
- \$771 in cash

The NGSO has \$5,063 in total funds across all its accounts. Additionally, all fiscal year-end taxes and financial paperwork has been filed.

Fundraising Committee Report

-Presented By Nina

The fundraising committee has acquired new merch items and will be selling them at RetroWorld Expo. They did not disclose the identity of the items.

Music Committee Report

-Presented By Nick

The orchestra will be performing at RetroWorld Expo. Afterwards, the music committee will be making preparations for the next season including an upcoming Digital Large Collaboration.

Personnel Committee Report

-Presented By Evan

The NGSO currently has 50 members. There have been three individuals who have gained membership since the last general members meeting. They are:

- Dimas Lespier
- Soup Burton
- Brian Ho

Recruiting Committee Report

-Presented By Sam

The Recruiting Committee is actively working on a few initiatives to establish and expand relationships with local orchestras and high schools in the area.

Social Media & Engagement Committee Report

<u>-Presented By Rei</u> The SMEC announced that fun things are coming.

Stage Committee Report

-Presented By Sam

The stage committee has been in contact with multiple venues exploring possible concerts. Wilton Presbyterian Church has expressed interest in having us perform. The venue holds up to 300 people.

The SoNo Collection is inviting us to play in their venue. The performance would be a part of an upcoming grand opening of a GameStop at their location. The stage committee has done a tour of the location and has determined that it would be a suitable location. The tentative dates for the performance would be either the final weekend of September or the first weekend of October. The most likely day is October 5th.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Rei moves to discuss the aforementioned fun things

The motion carries

The SMEC discussed the possibility of planning a social event to be held on a Tuesday when the NGSO would not normally rehearse. The theme of this event would be "Tournament Night"

which could include video games, board games, non-competitive games, and possibly food. The event would be targeting NGSO Members. Rei opened the floor for comments on the idea.

There was unanimous support of the idea.

Given that this event would incur additional costs to the NGSO (due to the reservation of space and food), the SMEC gauged the interest on possibly collecting funds from event attendees to fund the event.

There was a large amount of willingness by meeting attendees to donate to the event.

Ultimately, the SMEC decided that they will budget out the event and prepare a "recommended donation" amount for members to consider contributing when they attend the event.

Rei moves to close the floor The motion carries

Stephen moves to adjourn the meeting

The motion carries

Announcements

- The NGSO will be performing at RetroWorld Expo @ 11:00 A.M. on August 24th.
- The next rehearsal is on September 3rd @ 6:00 P.M. at The East Norwalk Library.
- The next general members meeting is September 18th @ 8:00P.M. on discord.
- Mike announced that Zeldathon was awesome and he thanked the group for their participation.