

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
General Meeting Meeting
June 19th, 2024
Held on Discord

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 P.M.

Presided Over By:

- Sam Newsum as President with Evan Murphy as Secretary

Attendance

A Quorum was established

Approval of Minutes

Lexi moves to approve the May 15th, 2024 meeting minutes and to accept the minutes as read.

The motion carries

Committee Reports

Board of Directors Report:

-Presented By Sam

Presented the strategic plan and vision statement

Vision statement: "This year, the board of directors seeks to maintain our current activities that foster musical development of the orchestra, while improving our committee structure and functionality, and reviewing our bylaws to improve the operations of the group. Furthermore, we seek to regularize our performance and rehearsal schedules, and explore new sources of income, so that the continued operations of the NGSO become more predictable, and we can move into more frequent seasons."

Sam then went into details on various points of the strategic plan for the upcoming year. The board of directors intends to...

- Establish relationships with venues that allows for the NGSO to have more periodic concerts, to help us establish distinct and regular seasons.
- Establish relationships with venues that allows for the NGSO to have long-term, formal use agreements for spaces for rehearsals and other activities.
- Refine or rewrite the bylaws, especially around the definition of membership.
- Continue to foster an environment conducive to musical development of the membership.
- Continue to do some online events.

- Continue to refine the responsibilities and compositions of different committees within the orchestra, with focus on reducing individual load for those on multiple committees.
- Improve our onboarding procedures for new members.
- Revise and expand the NGSO's strategy around sources of consistent, reliable income

Finance Committee Report

-Presented By Stephen

Stephen presented the budget of the 2024 fiscal year ([link](#))

Key points in the new budget:

Our account holdings are budgeted to go from \$5,403 to \$6,502 at the end of the fiscal year

Our main expenses include:

- \$3,900 for rehearsal rentals
- \$600 merchandise
- \$479 for web hosting
- \$652 for insurance

Our main income expenses include:

- \$5,000 in donations
- \$900 in Merchandise
- \$1,920 in Patreon

Fundraising Committee Report

-Presented By Nina

The fundraising committee has created an anonymous form to submit new fundraising ideas ([link](#)). Everyone is encouraged to submit ideas

Music Committee Report

-Presented By Nick

Our summer season is going well. The music committee has two new pieces coming to the orchestra in the near future. The committee is also hosting a VGLP June 26th. Submit your pieces here ([link](#))

Recruitment Committee Report

-Presented By Josh

The recruiting committee is rebranding to be more of an “outreach” committee with intention of reaching out to other organizations in the community.

Social Media & Engagement Committee Report

-Presented By Rei

SMEC - Homecoming video is posted! Individual VR pieces will be posted over the next few weeks/months at about one per week

Stage Committee Report

-Presented By Sam

The stage committee is currently investigating the NGSO doing a concert at other venues.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Lexi moves to discuss Patreon account access

The motion carries

Currently Nick is unable to access the NGSO patreon account and was requesting access. SMEC shared that all committee members have access to those credentials. Rei volunteered to help Nick with logging into the Patreon

Lexi moves to close the floor

The motion carries

Mike moves to adjourn the meeting

The motion carries

Announcements

- Next rehearsal: June 25th - 6pm @ East Norwalk Library
- Sign up to help host the NGSO table @ RetroWorldExpo ([link](#))
- VGLP: June 26th - 8pm @ Discord
 - Sign up share your favorite video game music ([link](#))
 - Only the first 10 submissions can be played
- Next general members meeting: July 17th - 8pm @ Discord
- NGSO members will be playing Deep Rock Galactice after this meeting
- Practice
- Happy Juneteenth