

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra
Board of Directors Meeting
September 6th, 2023

*The meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M.
Evan motions to accept minutes as read.
Rei seconds.*

President

We surpassed our all time attendance record. Dress rehearsal and RWX had 33 musicians. Broke record by 5!

Vice President

No report.

Treasurer

Total balance \$2,918. We are up to date on taxes and filings. The federal address has been updated, will be updating the rest soon.

Secretary

No Report

Old Business

*Rei motions to discuss the status of rehearsals at UU.
Evan second.*

They are not in a good position to begin this dialogue right now, so we don't have a firm timeline on when they'll be able to get us a contract proposal to even start looking at, but until then, we can at least kind of keep it in everyone's radar.

*Lexi motions to close the floor.
Rei seconds.*

New Business

*Josh moves to discuss a proposal from recruiting committee to host New Recruit Day.
Rei seconds.*

We would target one rehearsal after the new season to try to invite new people to. We would advertise and publicize the day.

- It should be held on the first rehearsal in October at the legion because it has the most space. There is not an exact date yet. We are potentially looking at 10/17.
- We are planning to reach out to schools, do a press release.
- We are asking for \$75 for advertising and flyers. It will come out of the advertising budget.

*Josh moves to close the floor.
Rei seconds.*

*Lexi moves to discuss nonmember volunteering.
Nina seconds.*

Requests have been made for people to get involved without being a member.

Sam has a specific thing to discuss. Grace Jacobs would like to volunteer on a committee. How comfortable are we with this? She would get elevated permissions in the Discord server. Rei said we can probably come up with a volunteer role and then give access as needed. Nina notes that we could totally use help for merch table, as she reflected upon at RWX. *Action Item: add volunteer role to discord.

Sam moves to close the floor.

Rei seconds.

Nina moves to discuss vending at Multiverse Expo (MVX).

Ben seconds.

- Nina asks what people's thoughts are regarding selling merchandise at MVX.
 - Josh asks if we are allowed to sell at the event?
 - Sam says this is probably an Adrienne question.
 - It will likely be more difficult to sell merch because it is an outdoor vendor.
 - Nina asks for volunteers to run the table.
 - Ben says HG is willing to help.
- Ben is adding that Adrienne is working on a donation to our orchestra. very kind!

Evan motions to close the floor.

Nina seconds.

Nina motions to discuss RWX earnings.

Evan seconds.

- We made \$362.62 in profit.
 - We paid off the cost to buy the merch! Exciting!
 - We spent \$851.92 on merch, and have earned \$1232.26 total.
 - We made a profit of ~\$1200!
- Lexi appreciates Nina's efforts in the merch project.
- Sam appreciates how many shiny stickers we sold.
- The Finance Committee is pleased.
- Evan was thrilled with all the engagement he experienced at the merch table.

Nina moves to close the floor.

Stephen seconds.

Josh moves to discuss a policy regarding minors in the NGSO.

Ben seconds.

The Recruitment Committee has noted that we should have a clearer policy regarding minors.

- NGSO currently says this about junior members:
 - Junior members are to be picked up immediately after rehearsal
 - Junior members are to come up with a practice routine.

This will be eventually delegated to the Personnel Committee. In the meantime, let's discuss.

- Ben says that from the perspective of a coach and a parent, parents are expecting someone to be responsible for the child. Who is responsible for the child?
 - Lexi asks, "What are the responsibilities of the point person?"
 - Evan asks, "Is there an expectation that we have a legal guardian?"
 - Ben says, as a coach, that you sign off as a legal guardian.
 - These positions are mandated reporters.
 - Sam says we can craft policies adversarial to this, regarding age ranges.
- Lexi asks What if we instituted an age minimum?

- 18?
 - 16?
 - 12?
 - 10?
 - No one under 13 without board permission?
- Lexi suggests, “Can we posts preview so that people (not just minors) know the level of difficulty of the music?” It would help people know what they are signing up for.
 - Nina suggests We are not expected to teach the children how to play the instrument. The policy should reflect this.
 - Evan ponders the two questions we are trying two answer.
 - Rules for the individuals (age minimum, conditions for minors like chaperoning)
 - And how do we support them musically
 - Lexi asks...do we require DCF training? Who is required?
 - Nina proposes the following plan: The Personnel Committee comes up with some options about different plans to present to the Executive Board.

Evan motions to close floor.

Nina seconds.

Nina moves to adjourn the meeting.

Evan seconds.

Announcements

Tuesday, September 12th, 2023

6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Frank C. Godfrey American Legion Post 12

60 County Street

Norwalk, CT 06851

Social Media & Engagement Committee

Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Discord Voice Chat

General Members Meetings

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023

8:00 P.M.

Discord Voice Chat

Multiverse Expo 2023

Sunday, September 17th, 2023

4:00 P.M.

189 Greenwood Ave

Bethel, CT 06801

Video Game Listening Party

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

8:00 P.M.
Discord Voice Chat

Josh moved to Norwalk!

Ben says, "Practice."