

Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 1st, 2023

*The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M.  
Evan motions to accept minutes as read.  
Rei seconds.*

**Reports**

**President**

No report.

**VP**

No report.

**Secretary**

No report.

**Treasurer**

Current Balances (accounting for all currently written checks)

Bank = \$1,670

PayPal = \$468

Cash = \$212

Total = \$2,349

We have to file our taxes monthly now!

**Old Business**

There is no old business.

**New Business**

*Josh moves to discuss the future of the Recruiting Committee.*

*Evan seconds.*

- Recruiting Committee was formed as ad hoc, and has come to the end of the scope that it had set out for. Can we keep the Recruiting Committee?
- Are there any procedures to establish this?
  - Yes, we can do this. No bureaucracy involved. There are no requirements other than a board member must be on the committee.
- Lexi thanks Josh for his hard work.
- Sam notes recruiting committee has also gotten us to look at other important issues within the organization.

*Josh moves to close discussion.*

*Evan seconds.*

*Nina motions to discuss the potential vacancy on the board of directors.*

*Stephen seconds.*

- Ben has resigned as a board member, do we need to fill this position?
  - By laws says we need minimum of two people on the board of directors, the president and the secretary must be separate people. All other positions can be consolidated. There is no necessity to.

- The max number of members at large is 12.
- Lexi appreciates Nina bringing this up in the event that someone expresses interest in filling the position.
- Are we announcing this resignation?
  - Ben appears to have a plan in place right now, so we will follow his lead.
  - If he does not announce it, Lexi can send it in her Sunday email.
  - Sam offers to write it up.

*Evan moves to close the floor.*

*Josh seconds.*

*Lexi motions to discuss the potential vacancies to two committee chair positions.*

*Rei second.*

- Lexi yields floor to Sam.
- We need chairs for the A/V Team and the Stage Committee. Sam is considering asking Colby and/or Nicole.
  - We are open to the possibility of co-chairing.
  - Chairing a committee does not have any current requirements, sort of just gives onus to set the agenda and hold meetings.
- Sam also notes that the stage committee is struggling with booking rehearsal spaces. We need more people on stage committee to help with booking. ALP12 is getting busier. NCHS is now no longer an option for us. Sam will be interim chair on stage committee.
- Sam thought we could announce Ben's resignation sooner, and he will speak to Ben about what he thinks.
- Sam also says that ideally the chair of the Stage Committee would be someone near Norwalk, so they could check out rehearsal spaces locally.
- Nina wants to join A/V Team.

*Lexi motions to close the floor.*

*Evan second.*

*Evan motions to discuss the NGSO's participation in the next Norwalk Swap Meet.*

*Rei seconds.*

*Evan yields to sam.*

Sam's Note to the Board:

*Aldo Araujo, the host of the Norwalk Public Library's Twitch channel (where he streams video games), as well as the host of the Norwalk Public Library's video game club (which does meet-ups for things like Mario Kart and Smash, I think, intended for kids), as well as the host of semi-regular swap meets at the library focused around video games, media, and other collectibles, has reached out to us to invite us to have a booth at his next swap meet, February 24th, 2024, to promote our group.*

*He says he'd also be open to us performing some music, but there isn't really room for us to do a performance. Although it takes place in the room we used to rehearse in at the main library in Norwalk, they'll have it pretty completely filled with vendor booths.*

*That said, I think it'd be fine to treat this as a recruiting/get-the-word-out type of event, and just have a booth set-up, similar to what we did at the CMEA conference in 2022. Set up our banner, have some iPads/laptops playing videos of us playing music, have business cards and flyers, etc. Maybe stickers and shirts for sale?*

- We are not guaranteed to have power. Potential small ensemble of 2-3 with acoustic instruments could be possible.
  - Evan suggests a recorder ensemble.
  - Nina suggests the RWX hallway setlist.
- We could possibly allow children to touch instruments.
- We should be friends with Aldo Araujo on Twitch!
- Sam suggests printing business cards and recruiting flyers.
- We had a cool set up at CMEA where we played our videos and also had a sign up form ready to go.
- We should hand this to the Recruiting Committee! They handle the correspondence, but they don't necessarily have to go. They can let general membership know that they are invited to help attend the table.

*Lexi motions to close.*

*Stephen seconds.*

*Lexi motions to discuss other legal matters that could be solved with our new partnership with the pro bono lawyer organization.*

*Evan seconds.*

We don't have to come up with new things right now, but we can have up to 2-3 projects concurrently. The longer we use their service, the longer they will keep us without asking for another fee.

- *What are the legalities of the performance of non licensed video games music?*
- *Can we charge money for tickets to our concerts?*
- *How can we go about compensating members of the orchestra?*
- *What are the orchestra's responsibilities regarding sales tax?*

If you have any ideas for questions to ask, please don't hesitate to post it to the board chat.

Evan moves to close the floor.

Nina seconds.

*Evan moves to adjourn the meeting.*

*Stephen seconds.*

*The motion passes.*

## **Announcements**

### **Calendar of Events**

#### Rehearsals

**Tuesday, November 7th, 2023**

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

Wall Street Theatre

71 Wall Street

Norwalk, CT 06850

### **General Members Meeting**

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

8:00 P.M.

Discord Voice Chat

### Events

**Virtual Recital #10: "Sleepover"**

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Discord Voice Chat

Evan announces that we heard back from Pro Bono, and they received our payment and signed an agreement. They will assign us a lawyer shortly.

Rei announces that our signup form on the website works again!