28Sept2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 28Sept2023 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1605, conducted the opening ceremony and declared the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for Business

Adjutant Roll Call: **Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash**, **2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi,** Adjutant Bob Dargis**, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner,** Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, **Chaplain Larry Girard,** Service Officer Steve Hamilton**,** Service Officer Marty Welker**,** Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee **Bruce Thatcher**, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch**,** Trustee Willie Reinhardt, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey**, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry**, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** SAL Commander Brett Novy**,** Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, **Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Member Jim Montgomery,** Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Member Rudy Rodriguez**,** Member Josh Gunnison, Member Brad Vandenberg**, Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.**

Award Presentation to Eric Johnson was deferred to the next membership meeting.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 31Aug2023 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

Meeting purpose reminder. Review recommendations from committees (including the Club Operations Committee), adopt those recommendations that are judged to be useful for the successful operation and management of the post,and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Business

-Account status: $230,437.36 26Sept vs. $228,027.70 28Aug2023
-Quickbooks:Aug2023 $278.31 loss (Bar COGS 41%. Higher costs for labor, cleaning, post operating supplies and dues payment contributing additional >$6k expenses. $4K Memorial cost posted Aug.)
-SAL current total funds available:
-Aux current total funds available: $27,407 + $6,400 CD
-AL Account status and Aug2023 quickbooks summary were approved on motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded.
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
 -Purchase of 14 replacement bar stools + additional foot padding ($139+$12) X 14 = $2114 approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded. Post 49 greatly appreciates the SAL organization purchasing these bar stools for club use.
 -Pay for use individual drink station setup for use in the club room at $1.50 per cup.
 -Annual Post labor day reset of bar hours now in place: 12noon-2100 Sunday-Thursday, 12noon-2200 Friday, Saturday. Bartenders are also authorized by Emily to stay open later based on customer needs.
 -Oct/Nov2023 Calendars distributed for review.

AL Events

-1000-1400 15Sept2023 Veterans Benefits Open House AAR: 24 veterans served by AL Dept Service Officer Gary Easterling and his team along with Van Buren Veterans Service Director Dave Krzycki and his Team. The response from Veterans was positive and the snacks catered by Emily in the cub room were enjoyed by all.
-Last scheduled Friday pizza dinner 6Oct2023.
-12 Noon 11Oct MOH Monument Dedication Ceremony, reception luncheon reviewed.

SAL Events Per report of Earl Lash, Pork Chop nights to continue on Thursdays.

Aux Events.

-Need current periodicals (magazines) for local nursing homes. Drop off prior to mtg.

-South Haven nursing home 24Aug and 11Sep Veterans luncheons enjoyed by all. Will target monthly visit to Legion weather permitting. Vicki will continue her regular/weekly visits to nursing home and solicit needs from residents.

Other Business

-Jim McCloughan memorial dedication target 11-12noon Veterans Day, 11Nov2023. Bruce Thatcher will investigate flyover to support the ceremony. Reception at Post scheduled from 12noon to 1400.

-Law Officer and Firefighter of the year submissions 8Jan2023, Teacher of the Year 1April2023. Have received one firefighter nomination.

-AL Donation targets (emailed previously) for remainder of 2023 approved with no changes on motion of Chuck Aubrey and properly seconded to support Year End disbursements.

-Maintenance items- Mike Andruch reported electricians bill paid for installing new power line to Tiki Hut beverage cooler and upgrading lights in ladies restroom. $4,000 bill for crack sealing, coating, striping parking lot received.

-Average Breakfast sales revenue through middle of Sept: Aux. $2,678.86, SAL $2,562.00, KOC $3,021.94, AL $3,066.00. Rain during the breakfast time period decreases volume approximately 20% but has little/no effect if rain occurs before 0800 or after 1200 noon.

-AL National organization raised dues tax $5, partially offset by MI Dept. savings for not distributing AL newspaper hardcopy to members. The net result is that Post level membership fee retention goes from $10 to $8, an annual loss of approx $1,226.

-"hospice of holland" asking for volunteers to meet/talk with terminally ill veteran patients. To volunteer, call Jody Correa at 616-355-5514 or emailing volcoor@hollandhospice.org.

-Barry Wood and Jim Addessi asked that our Adjutant pay $306.50 (based on 613 members) to Fourth District Association Department of Michigan. We will subscribe to same half-page ad for $25 with changes to times as required. We are also asked to review Post 49 Commander and Adjutant data for 2024 (no changes required) and Service Officer data (delete Mccormack and add Marty Welker, 574-596-7152, email mrwelker2009@yahoo.com). The draft for add, $25 payment and changes to officers described above should be mailed to Dave Buist, 3122 Pinedale Drive SW, Grandville, MI 49418.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 5Oct2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 26Oct

Next 2023 days to celebrate

Oct: U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday Oct. 13, Post 49 Halloween Childrens Party Oct. 28, Halloween Oct. 31

Nov: Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 5, **Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10**, **Veterans Day Nov. 11, Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 19**,Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

Post commander: declared meeting adjourned at 1725

Respectfully submitted,
John Barkley for Bob Dargis,
Adjutant for American Legion Post 49