2June2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander Jason Turner called the 2June2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1900 and conducted the opening ceremony and business meeting.

Adjutant Roll Call: **Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, Adjutant Tom Breen,** Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, **Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard,** Service Officer Steve Hamilton, **Historian Jim McCloughan,** Trustee Bruce Thatcher, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey,** Trustee Patrick Whitlatch**, Judge Advocate Earl Lash, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Interim Adjutant Bob Dargis, Member John McCormack, Member Dean Cooper**
Member Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present.

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 5May2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None

Committee reports

1. Finance: Report summarized below and approved subject to audit.
-Account status for 25May2022 $117,022.71
-Quickbooks: April2022 net operating loss of $78.15 primarily to higher food/drink costs.
-SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. $10,000 after donation payouts to charities/other.
-Aux current total funds available not reviewed but approx $18,000.
- Motion finance report approved (subject to audit)

2. **Adjutant - Membership**:
-Membership update: 625 listed members for this year versus 572 last year.
-Total membership 107% according to state records.
-Paperwork for 22 new members circulated/approved.

3. **Service Officers.**
-Larry engaged two additional veterans this month: one for emergency support and one ongoing for roof replacement.
-Both Larry and Steve working directly with Dave Krzycki, Veterans Service Director for Van Buren Co.

4. **Club Facilities and Operations Committee**
- Club 9% beer/liquor price increase ($0.25 and liquor $0.50) approved to help recover 10% recent cost increases to the club and still be competitive with other nonprofits. It is expected that the price increase will correct the ratio of cost-to-revenue of goods sold from the current 43% to the 35% American Legion target
-Open bar proposed dates for rest of year reviewed: 12,18June, 2,3July,12,13, 20Aug., 3,10Sept.
-Tiki Bar use approved for soft opening 4June Thurs./Friday/Sat. 1600-2200 using available chest coolers.
-Security system upgrade/repair proposal to prevent skips. Additional cost/benefit info required to compare current system upgrade to cloud based “ring system”.
- Continue to discuss any kitchen concerns in Club Opn’s Mtg.
-Lunch relaunch approved Wed-Sat week of 6June.
-AFLAC insurance proposal for Post 49 paid staff was deferred until policy can be reviewed.
-17/18 June2022 Harbor Festival open-to-public event approved 2000-2400 using DJ at estimated $300 cost, set up in meeting room with sliding doors open to Tiki bar, to avoid excessive noise level in club room.

5. **AL Events**
-30May. Memorial Day Parade, program at Lakeview and visits to 4 additional cemeteries successfully completed

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6. **Family Meetings - SAL Events**
- Independence Day celebration fireworks 2230-2315 3July with SAL serving hamburgers, hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob, ice cream 1700-2100. The event requires volunteers to collect $3 cover charge, monitor parking, answer membership questions, policing, cleaning tables and grounds.
-636 members with 421 paid this year, also reported to be 135%

7. **Family Meetings - Aux Events**
-South Haven 29May Memorial Weekend Veterans Poker Run planned by Susie Pacwa attracted more than 850 motorcycles and 350 breakfast sales..
-Poppy Donations created $9,500 for local veterans.

Sick call - Larry Smith

Unfinished business
-"War on Terror" meeting room display artwook selected.

Regular meeting suspended for Installation of 2022 Elected AL Officers

Commander	John Barkley
1st Vice Cmdr	Earl Lash
2nd Vice Cmdr	Jim Addessi
Adjutant	Bob Dargis
Chaplain	Larry Girard
Finance Officer	Tom Dryer
Sgt at Arms	Art Farmer
Service Officer	John McCormack
Historian	Jim McCloughan
Judge Advocate	Jason Turner
Trustee	Willie Reinhardt
Trustee	Chuck Aubrey

Normal Business Meeting Resumed

New Business
-Jim Montgomery provided a comprehensive list of people whose names are on bricks and their location, developed by Judy.
-Post report summary ready to submit with 2June changes.
-New Post roster information being collected for submission.
-AL 23-26June Dept Mtg. Earl will obtain an agenda to better ID where to focus Post 49 attendees.
-A request to consider posting no drinking/smoking signage in front of post will go the the Club Opn's Com. for their consideration.
-A suggestion to bring in porta-potties for the Poker Run event will be forwarded to Susie Pacwa.
-A suggestion was approved to recognize Walt Sicard Car Sales for supporting Memorial Day parade with vehicles, including ceiling advertisement and appreciation certificate.

Communication & Donations (to/from AL)
-Special Ukrainian Dinner raised approx $2,000 and approval received to send proceeds to St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Chicago, IL for aid to Ukrainians.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 7July2022
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 30June2022

Memorial to a departed post member

None reported

For The Good of The American Legion.

- D-Day 6June, Women Veterans Day 12June, Army Birthday 14June, U.S. Flag Day 14June, Father's Day 19June, PTSD Awareness Day 27Jun,
-Independence Day 4July, Hire A Veteran Day 25July, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day 27July, National Buffalo Soldiers Day 28July, Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary 29July.

Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2020.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account Balance May 25, 2022 for Executive meeting on May 26, 2022

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	**$32,415.80**	**Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, $3,000 Vietnam Wall, $2,000 Raffle**	**$35,000**
Building Fund	**$6,351.97**	**Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)**	**$40,000**
Pull Tab	**$10,536.48**	**Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement**	**$6,000**
KENO	**$28,004.07**	**MI Lottery KENO payouts**	**$5,000**
Breakfast Fund	**$2,883.09**	**Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.**	**$2,000**
Membership	**$13,268.12**	**Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment**	**$7,000**
Veterans	**$14,329.73**	**Direct support for Veterans/Families**	**$20,000**
Uniform	**$3,837.15**	**Color/Honor Guard Uniforms**	**$4,000**

Bank CD	**$5,396.30**	**Total CD Balance**	**$5,000**
Total Funds Available	**$117,022.71**	**Total American Legion Funds Available for spending**	**$124,000**

Monthly Profit & Loss for April 2022

Gross Profit	**$34,332.57**
Total Expenses	**$34,410.72**
Net Income	**-$78.15**

Donations Received Previously

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
4Nov2021	$300.00	War On Terror Display
(Josh Gunneson)	**$164.41**	**Future Archery classes**