# 1Dec2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 1Dec2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1902, conducted the opening ceremony and business meeting as summarized below..

## Order of Business

**Adjutant: Roll Call**: **Cmdr. John Barkley,** 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, **Adjutant Bob Dargis,** Finance Officer Tom Dryer**, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain Larry Girard,** Service Officer John McCormack**, Service Officer and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton,** Historian Jim McCloughan**, Trustee Bruce Thatcher**, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** Member Tom Breen**, Member Richard Ely,** Post 68 Member Frank Thompson, **Member Jim Montgomery**, **Member Dan Gomez, Member Josh Gunnison, Member Dean Cooper, Member Andy Osis Quorum** (of at least 5 AL members) **present**

**Introduction of guests and prospective new members:** Emily Fitzbaker was introduced as our new AL Post 49 Club Manager. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to Emily and support her in her new position.

**Meeting Minutes** Membership Mtg minutes dated 3Nov2022 approved as written.

## Committee reports

**1. Finance.**

-Account status for 27Nov2022 $194,781.49. Approx $15,000 breakfast payouts to supporting organizations, $9,500 donations to charities and $5,000 sales tax liability expected to reduce account balance in near future.
-Quickbooks: Oct2022 $3,771.24
-SAL current total funds available approx. $16,000
-Aux current total funds available $21,251.53
-Finance report approved (subject to audit)

**American Legion Post 49 Finance Report**

**Account balance as of 27Nov2022 for the 1Dec AL Membership Meeting**

| Account Name | Current Balance | Purpose | Target Balance |
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| General Operating | $55,184.06 | Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, $3,000 Vietnam Wall, $2,000 Raffle | $35,000 |
| Building Fund | $6,325.18 | Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other) | $40,000 |
| Pull Tab | $22,377.48 | Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement | $6,000 |
| KENO | $34,856.54 | MI Lottery KENO payouts | $5,000 |
| Breakfast Fund | $27,382.67 | Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov. | $2,000 |
| Membership | $16,279.87 | Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment | $7,000 |
| Veterans | $23,907.65 | Direct support for Veterans/Families | $20,000 |
| Uniform | $3,067.19 | Color/Honor Guard Uniforms | $4,000 |
| Bank CD | $5,400.85 | Total CD Balance | $5,000 |
| Total Funds Available | $194,781.49 | | $124,000 |

| Monthly Income statement for Oct2022 | | | |
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| Revenue | $43,774.33 | | |

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| **Expenses** | **$40,003.09** | |
| **Net Income** | **$3,771.24** | |

**2**. **Adjutant - Membership**:
-Membership update: 8 PUFL, 39 New members, 345 Renewals, for a total of 423 out 631, or 67%.
-8 New member applications were also circulated and approved.

**3**. **Service Officers.**
-Steve reported providing transportation for Veterans. Larry reported working closely with Van Buren Co. Veterans Service Officers Dave Krzycki and Dennis Urquhart.

**4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee**
-Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker approved and transition to manage full club manager responsibilities including money handling/accounting from bartenders and other revenue streams but does not include scheduled bartender shifts, only backbar support to maintain check/balance for bartender revenue and accounting verification. Heather will continue to provide accounting support for payroll and Quick-books.
-Calendars available for Dec/Jan2022.

**5**. **AL Events**
-3Dec funeral for Benjamin Burt. Meet 1315 at Post or 1415 at Columbia Township Hall, 53053 CR 388.
- Pearl Harbor Day Dec 7 memorial celebration starting with a 12 noon Salute and a 1230-1330 free Lunch for all veterans, active service members.
-Wreaths Across America (WAA) wreath placement scheduled for 17Dec. for Lakeview Post 49 members, Vietnam veterans, other. Formal ceremony 12 noon at Bangor (Arlington Hill) Cemetery with set-up and Honor/Color guard onsite time of 1130.
-AL Post 49 well represented 27Nov to cut/package Trees-for-Troops at Wahmhoff Farms.

6. **SAL Events**
-Larry Carlson Memorial 20Nov Thanksgiving Dinner featuring Turkey dinner carry outs 0900-1100 and dine in service 1200 noon - 2PM at American Legion Post 49 earned $600 in tips.

7. **Aux Events**
-Aux will manage the kitchen cleaning process after 1Nov2022
-Children's Christmas Party Saturday 10Dec 1100-1230 or 1400-1530. RSVP only through Patti Sheehy @ 269-470-9072. Volunteers also needed and asked to sign up on a sheet located inside club room.
-Discussing and prioritizing donations.

**Sick call -** Tom Dryer down but not out.

**Unfinished business**
-Donation update: Checks from AL to approved charities totalling $9,400 mailed Wed. 30 Nov.
-Steve Hamilton soliciting quotes for automatic front door opener that may require replacement of dead bolt lock. Cost/benefit discussion TBD.
-$15,869 quote received from Brian beBest for upper level, north side lawn leveling to insure safe walkability did not include a hard surface option and Brian asked to provide additional information.
-Josh Gunneson requested a $3,000 donation from ALPost 49 for his business "The Primal Outfitters Inc." as a followup to a 3Nov request for $3,000. Josh was informed by members at the (3Nov) meeting that the AL Exec Com must first review state/federal licensing as a non-profit, proof of insurance and business plan information as prerequisites prior to consideration for charity funding support. Josh emailed proof of insurance 29Nov and showed a paper copy of non-profit state/federal licensing at this (1Dec) meeting. After discussion, members approved a $3,000 donation pending approval by the Exec Com. at or before their 29Dec20220 mtg.

**New Business**

-$1,000 donation was approved by the AL for the Auxiliary Children's fund. Any remaining funds that are not spent for the Christmas event will remain in the Children's fund for other Children's events as approved by the Auxiliary. Part of the justification for the $1,000 donation was an earlier agreement that third Friday AL dinner profits would go towards funding Childrens events.

-Annual/Christmas bonuses for current Club Manager and Bartenders. A $300 bonus was approved for acting Club Manager Heather and $150 each for bartenders: Amanda, Chad, Heidi, Nicki and Shelly.

**Communication & Donations (to/from AL)** None

**Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 5Jan2022.
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 **29Dec2022**

**Memorial to a departed post member,** None

**For The Good of The American Legion.**

**JohnWallet** taught a Sat 26Nov workshop on the manufacturing of shell casing mementos for presentation by Post 49 Honor Guard and also presented 39 finished assemblies to the Post for their use.

**December**

Pearl Harbor Day Dec 7, National Guard Birthday Dec 13, National Wreaths Across America Dec 17, Christmas Dec 25, New Year's Eve December 31

**Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2100.**

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