28Dec 2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 28Dec2023 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, 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, Auxiliary 1st Vice Linda Teeter**
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.

Awards. Suggested by Bruce, approved, created and signed for Doug Landers. Presentation event TBD.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 30Nov2023 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Jason Turner, 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: $180,497 24Dec vs $230,174.06 26Nov ($14,400 of $21,600 Breakfast P/O, $12,600 Monument P/O, $5,000 Donations, Approx. $3,000 veteran's support, $1,600 Christmas Bonus, $1,450 Children's Christmas Fund,...)
-Quickbooks -$12,373.93 Nov2023 vs. -$19,689 Nov2022 and -$17,258 Nov2021
-Dec2023 Stock value $4,340.25.
-$10,000 13 month CD purchased. Other CD purchases TBD late spring based on Post's current/forecast financial conditions.
-Finance Report approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

-SAL current total funds available: approx $9,000 28Dec2023
-Aux current total funds available: $30,000 + $6,418.87 CD 28Dec

-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Ice Breakers Sat 3Feb- need parking help, Breakfast Sunday 4Feb- need breakfast volunteers.
Ice Breakers costs estimated at $600 dollars for Chili cook-off, advertising and (two) trolley support costs.
-Jan2024 Calendar review, Feb available.

AL Events

-Draft list of 2024 Holidays and Observances shown below for review. Aug OIS added by Bruce and Children's Easter Celebration added by Emily.
-Wreaths Across America - ceremony at Arlington went well, hope to have more wreaths/people at Lakeview next year and will select different area of the cemetery to start placement.
-Ready to store Christmas decorations when Shelley requests.

SAL Events None reported

Aux Events.

-"During a regular AL Post 49 luncheon hosted by Post 49 Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson for South Haven nursing home veterans, seven quilts and small Christmas trees were presented by Vicki Olson and Post 49 Auxiliary members Dayla McMullen, Diane Cabiness and Sue Schlaact.The quilts were artfully created in patriotic red, white and blue colors by Dayla, founding member of the local Cozy Quilters, and her group who meet at the Hope Reformed Church to make quilts for local seniors and foster home residents in Van Buren and Berrien counties." This description and pictures were submitted to MI AL Magazine and a similar story, pictures appeared in SH newspaper.

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

-Friday fish dinners resume 16Feb.

-Planning $10,000 in donations.

Other Business

-Sean able to contract Mr Jambor to wrap Tiki hut at cost of $450

-Donation to South Haven “Surge” baseball (currently sponsoring 3 teams, more than 30 SH grade school players) approved at $250 on motion of Jason Turner and properly seconded for recommendation/approval at member mtg.

-$400 donation recommendation for Heidi Rupley, Lincoln Elementary School Teacher, approved on motion of Sean Russell and properly seconded for recommendation/approval at member mtg.

-Proposal to cut down pine tree in front of building to make further space for parking was proposed by Sieg Freitag and deferred to member mtg for further discussion/action.

-Maintenance items: Wheels replaced on chair carts. Smoke eater filters will be changed. New padlocks will be purchased, installed where current outside locks currently inoperable.

-Things gone well in 2023: Sean noted that donation strategy, process and outcome summary should be Continued in 2024.

-Opportunities for improvement: Emily noted that rental revenue could be increased through also renting Tiki Bar area and should be further discussed prior to May.

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 7March

-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 25Jan

2024 Holidays and Observances

Jan: Monday Jan 1 New Year's Day, Monday Jan 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb; Thursday Feb 1 National Freedom Day, Friday Feb 2 Groundhog Day, Saturday Feb 3 Ice Breakers, Wednesday Feb 14 Valentine's Day, Monday Feb 19 Presidents' Day

Mar: Sunday Mar 10 Daylight Saving Time starts, Sunday Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day, Monday March 25 National Medal of Honor Day , Friday Mar 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Saturday Mar 30 AL Post 49 Children’s Easter Party, Sunday Mar 31 Easter.

Apr: Tuesday Apr 23 Passover, Thursday Apr 25 Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day,

May: Wednesday May 1 First Day of Military Appreciation Month, Sunday May 5 Cinco de Mayo, Monday May 6 National Nurses Day, Tuesday May 7 National Teacher Appreciation Day, Wednesday May 8 Victory in Europe Day, Sunday May 12 Mother's Day, Wednesday May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day, Saturday May 18 Armed Forces Day, Wednesday May 22 National Maritime Day, Monday May 27 Memorial Day

Jun: Thursday Jun 6 D-Day, Friday Jun 14 Army Birthday, Friday Jun 14 Flag Day, Sunday Jun 16 Father's Day, Wednesday Jun 19 Juneteenth.

Jul: Thursday Jul 4 Independence Day, Saturday Jul 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day,

Aug: Sunday Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday, Wednesday Aug 7 Purple Heart Day, Operation Injured Soldier Friday Aug 16 1700-1930 Dinner and Saturday Aug 17 12 Noon Salute on S Pier, Monday Aug 19 National Aviation Day
Sep: MondaySep 2 Labor Day, Sunday Sep 8 National Grandparents Day, Wednesday Sep 11 Patriot Day, Tuesday Sep 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, Wednesday Sep 18 Air Force Birthday, Friday Sep 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sunday Sep 29 Gold Star Mother's Day
Oct: Sunday Oct 13 Navy Birthday, Monday Oct 14 Columbus Day, Wednesday Oct 16 Boss's Day, Saturday Oct 26 Post 49 Halloween Children's Party, Thursday Oct 31 Halloween
Nov: Sunday Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends, Sunday Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday, Monday Nov 11 Veterans Day, Sunday Nov 24 Larry Carlson Memorial Dinner, Thursday Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day, Friday Nov 29 Native American Heritage Day
Dec: Saturday Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Friday Dec 13 National Guard Birthday, Saturday Dec 21 National Wreaths Across America, Saturday Dec 21 Post 49 Children's Christmas Party, Wednesday Dec 25 Christmas Day, Thursday Dec 26 Kwanzaa (first day), Tuesday Dec 31 New Year's

Finding No further actions to come before this meeting, Post commander declared this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post 49 adjourned at 1730

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