28Oct2021 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 28Oct2021 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, conducted the opening ceremony and called the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for business

Order of business

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 and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton,** Historian Jim McCloughan, **Trustee Bruce Thatcher**, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Judge Advocate Earl Lash, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald,** or Auxiliary Vice President Linda Teeter, **Member Jim Montgomery** "

Quorum (of at least 5 Legion members**) present**

Previous Meeting Minutes dated 30Sept2021 Reviewed/approved

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 management of the post,and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Business

- Current account status approved as shown below:

-Account status for 28Oct2021
-Quickbooks: Sep2021 net operating income $7,857.51
-SAL current total funds available $17,139 plus $5,055 Children's Christmas Fund 12Oct2021
-Aux current total funds available $21,600

-Donation tracking discussion- We currently log the donations we receive and the date received but do not track the reason or intended use for donation. If donations are made to current accounts, they will be deposited in that account and no further tracking required. If donations made for any other reason than a named account, the donation will be deposited into the General Operations account and tracked/shown on monthly American Legion Post 49 Finance Report until expensed for the reason donated.

- Club Opn's Sub Committee:

-Calendar review for Oct/Nov2021 including 25Nov AL Mtgs moved to 18Nov,
-Report out and recommendations from Club Opn's Mtg
-Protemp Repair of ice machine approved.
-Hernandez pre approved for second year of two (2) year snow removal contract
-Christmas bonuses approved at $100 for bartenders and Ben, $300 for club manager for 14Dec payment.
-Non-members coming to the Post for a drink may be sponsored by a member who is present but member must be present entire time guest is on site, to meet MI Liquor Control Board requirements.

- **AL Events**

-7Nov District meeting with Past Commanders Mtg 1200, lunch ($8) served by Aux at 1230, District Mtgs 1330 50/50 Drawing, raffles (for each Aux, SAL, AL requiring different tickets), officers encouraged to attend and RSVP Jason. Please brainstorm ways to assist with Benton Harbor water crisis for meeting discussion.
-Marine Corps Day/Birthday 1800 Nov10 celebration
-0800-1000 11Nov breakfast at Post 49, 1111 salute at Post 49 followed by a visit to local nursing home.
-1000AM-1500 12Nov VA "Open House" with American Legion Veterans Affairs Department Director Gary

Easterling and two of his VA Service Officers on site to talk with any veterans who have questions about their veteran benefits. The Palisades Power Plant will support with food, soft drinks and people.
-Afghanistan memorial update postponed.

- SAL Events
-SAL Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving takeout dinner 10AM-1PM 21Nov2021

- **Aux Events**
-7Nov2021 luncheon support for 4th District
-Kids Halloween Party date changed to October 31
-Kids Christmas Party scheduled for December 11
-80 new members

- **Other Business:**
-Tiki Bar shrink wrapping approved.
-New freezer plan being addressed
-Bruce suggested that we support a veteran owned coffee supplier and Heather commented that the incremental annual cost would be approx. $72. (versus current $217). Will plan to serve the new coffee on Veterans Day.
-New front exterior entrance facia replacement rescheduled for Spring 2022
-HVAC Air handling filters should be changed (part of annual maintenance contract)
-Bruce suggested that we start planning (1-day) 2022 Christmas trip to Frankenmuth to visit Vet's museum and Christmas store.
-Jim Montgomery requested that we consider taking some action near term to attenuate or dampen noise level in the clubroom using sound absorbing tiles or other alternatives.
-Volunteers needed to support the packaging of Christmas Trees for Troops on 29Nov.

- **Next meetings:**
- Membership Mtg 1900 4Nov2021
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 18Nov2021(rescheduled from 25Nov).

For the Good of the Legion:
-Please make "buddy check" calls/visits when and where possible
-Plan to support 1200 Sat 30Oct. Funeral by reporting to the Post by 1115.

Next 2021 days to celebrate:
Halloween Oct 31, **Marine Corps Day/Birthday Nov 10, Veterans Day Nov 11**, Armistice Day Nov 11, Thanksgiving Day Nov 25, U.S. National Guard Birthday Dec 13, **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 7 Dec**, National Wreaths Across America Dec 18, Christmas Day Dec 25, Kwanzaa Dec 26–Jan 1,New Year's Eve Dec 31.

Meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 adjourned at 1710.

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