4May2023 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 4May2023 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 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 Richard Ely,** Post 68 Member Frank Thompson, **Member Jim Montgomery, Member Dan Gomez,** Member Josh Gunnison, **Member Sieg Freitag, Member Marty Welker,** Member Guy Cherry, **Member Paul Hegelson,** Member Don Feutz, **Quorum** (of at least 5 AL members) **present**

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None present

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 6Apr2023 reviewed/**approved** as published.

Committee reports

1. **Finance.**
   -Account status $169,057.50 5May2023
   -Quickbooks: Feb2023 profit of $7,863.88
   -SAL current total funds available approx. $9,500
   -Aux current total funds available approx $24,525 + CD
   -**Finance report approved** (subject to audit)

2. **Adjutant - Membership**:
   -5May membership dues payment status: New 59, PUFL 38, Renewals 482, transfers 2, total 581 of 631 goal or 92.08% vs target of 95%. May17 target 100%. 3 new member applications received but not circulated. **Adj report approved.**

3. **Service Officers.**
   - Steve supporting request for grave headstone/marker in Ottawa Co., working with Earl to provide home/yard maintenance support, transporting veteran to store/bank and, managing ramp installation for veteran. Other disability claim reviews and DD214 requests passed to Van Buren Co.Veterans Service Officers Dave Krzycki and Dennis Urquhart.
   -Larry directly supporting local veteran and also interfacing with Van Buren Co.Veterans Service Officers Dave Krzycki and Dennis Urquhart.

4. **Club Facilities and Operations Committee**
   -Emily scheduled Kitchen Cleaning at a total cost of $1200. Aux confirmed $400 cleaning funding contribution/reimbursement to AL.
   -Pricing for regular May-Oct breakfasts $10, dinner prices will be based on menu costs (fish,Pizza $12).
   -Third Friday dinners will be managed by club staff and volunteers. Profits will be used to support children's events, similar to last year.
   -The two fifth Sundays and two fifth Fridays occurring May-Oct will be sourced by Emily.
   -May2023 Calendars available. Rich requested we maintain website calendar and volunteered to help.
   -Bar hot water heater replacement cost of $1,075 approved.
   -New easy clean solid surface floor mat replacement design will be "piloted" to minimize cleaning issues after every breakfast/dinner. A cleaning/replacement service is also being investigated.
   -Post 49 Website renewal fee paid by Emily.

5. **AL Events**

-New Safe for armory procured by Sieg and delivered by Sieg/Mike. Sieg received a reimbursement check for his purchase expense along with a membership "Thank you" for taking on the selection, procurement, delivery and installment process.

-5May pizza night volunteers: Jim Addessi, Mike Andruch, Paul Helgeson, Bob Dargis, Angela and Rich Ely, Valerie McPeak, John Barkley.

-Please call/email Mary Fitzgerald ASAP if interested in helping Aux with 7May breakfast.

-Memorial Day Flag placement support at Lakeview Cemetery 0900 8May

-Honor Guard support required for DAR Ceremony 1100 12May support at Thomas Cemetery, Bangor. The bus will leave the post by 1000.

-21May 4th District 1230 luncheon and 1330 meeting at Post 49. Brunch support is TBD by Emily.

-21May Honor guard support requested by 4th District Commander Earl Lash for 1200 noon at Post.

-28May Breakfast support required to serve several hundred breakfasts as part of the "Poker Run"

-29May2023 Memorial Day parade. Meet 0800 at Post to leave post and form up on Center Street

6. SAL Events

-SAL will continue Thursday dinners June-October.

-Pool table recommendation. SAL may support pool table repair and suggested proceeds from table be tracked separately: deposit to AL General Operating account, tracked using bottom section of financial template and transferred to SAL via check on demand. Request will be reviewed by Emily for approval.

7. Aux Events

-Poppy Days 2023 Patti Sheehy chair, Shannon will co-chair. Approx 8,000 poppies on hand for distribution 26May through 29May at locations indicated on sign-up sheet (Passed around to all members during meeting for review)

-Kitchen Cleaning being discussed

-Memorial Luncheon Support being discussed

-8May Aux breakfast

-10May AUX social gathering for locals – no detail, but room reserved

-28May Poker Run sponsor Susie Pacwa looking for auction items.

-New Aux 2023,4 officers installed 4May (info. courtesy of Vicki Reid Olson): Sergeant at Arms Billie Coone, Chaplain Vicki Reid Olson, Treasurer and Secretary Susie Pacwa, President Mary Fitzgerald, Vice President Linda Teeter, Historian and Poppy Chair Patti Sheehy. Order shown is as Officers appear in website photo (Aux tab).

Regular Meeting Suspended for 2023 AL Post 49 election ballot counting, announcement of results. The following nominees received the majority of votes for their specific offices and will be installed 1June2023: Commander John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Chaplain Larry Girard, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt at Arms Sieg Freitag, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry. In addition, four other trustees will continue in office (until term expires): Bruce Thatcher (2024), Patrick Whitlatch (2024), Chuck Aubrey (2025), Willie Reinhardt (2025).

The regular meeting called to order at 2005.

New/Other Business

-**Motion approved** to destroy 2023 AL Post 49 officer election ballots.

-**Motion approved** to cast unanimous support for all nominees receiving majority of votes.

-Requests for **donations to local grade/middle schools approved** at $500/school.

-2023 Memorial Day parade planning continues with Jim McCloughan leading the parade again this year as well as being our guest speaker and vocalist for the event.

-Jim McCloughan memorial in process with Jason leading. **$6,390 approved** for black granite (from

India) and graphics (similar to MOH recipient Dewey's memorial). Additional cost for foundation and stonework (similar to MOH recipient Dewey's memorial) is TBD but estimated at approx $5,000.
-North side lawn leveling to ensure safe walkability plan/top view drawing prepared and reviewed by Bruce Thatcher. Bruce encouraged others to add ideas using tracing paper placed over the original top view.
-**Boys State funding approved** at $475 for one person per Earl's request.
-Request to donate two (of three) handmade miniature lighthouses (currently in storage) **approved**: one to Susie Pacwa to auction for Poker Run, one to Steve Hamilton to present to SAL commander.

Communication & Donations (to/from AL)

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 1June2023
-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 25May2023

Memorial to a departed post member none

Sick Call: Please keep these people in your thoughts & prayers: Tom Dryer, Jim Neely,John McCormack

For The Good of The American Legion. 2023 days to remember:
May: National Day of Prayer May 4, VE Day May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 12, Mother's Day May 14, Children of Fallen Patriots Day May 13, Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, Armed Forces Day May 20, Memorial Day May 29
June: D-Day June 6, Women Veterans Day June 12, Army Birthday June 14, U.S. Flag Day June 14, Father's Day June 18, PTSD Awareness Day June 27

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2030.

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