6Jan2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander Jason Turner called the 6Jan2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1900 and conducted the opening ceremony, followed by an award presentation and 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 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**, Member Bob Dargis**, **Member Jim Barkoozis**, Member Jim Montgomery, **Quorum** (of at least 5 legion members) **present.**
Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 2Dec2021 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Non present.

Committee reports

1. Finance: Report summarized below and approved subject to audit.

-Account status $135,040.87 on 6Jan2022 after distribution of Breakfast funds to AUX, SAL and KOC.
-Quickbooks: Nov2021 net operating loss $10,872.98 with $7,249.99 of loss explained by breakfast one time annual payouts
-SAL current total funds available 9Nov2021 $14,859 plus $5,297 Children's Christmas Fund
-Aux current total funds available approx $19,500 plus breakfast payout money.

2. **Adjutant - Membership**:
-Membership update: 620 listed members for this year versus 572 last year.
-Paid Members currently at 83.83% versus 9Jan target of 80% and 9Feb target of 85% with 6 new members in process. Paperwork for 1 new member circulated and approved for membership.

3. **Service Officers.**
-Larry currently talking to two (2) widows of veterans.
-Steve has been steadily working with one homeless veteran over the past several months to find suitable housing and reports success in Grand Rapids, finding a one-bedroom apartment and vet's case-worker is helping him get his VA card, making medical appointments, and is applying for disability benefits. Steve has also visited him 3 times in the last week and a half, taking him to the bank and grocery store.
-Steve also working with another homeless Veteran, put her in contact with the Van Buren Co. Veteran Service Officer, provided her with a $100 gas card, a tank of gas, and some food. She has a VA appointment next week and agreed to stay in touch with Steve.

4. **Club Facilities and Operations Committee**
-Calendar not reviewed for Jan/Feb but important events reviewed later in agenda.
-Bartender Myrissa's replacement, Nicki Rogers started last week. Nicki also works part time at the BrewPub.
-$10/hour salary approval recommended for bartenders. Motion approved.
-31Dec New Years Eve party earned approx $1,500 profit.
-Outside Tiki bar cooler recommended for summer service. Est cost of $2.700 cost will be revisited April. Converting current chest freezer when replaced by a new upright kitchen freezer suggested as option.
-28th Annual Ice Breaker Festival 5Feb2022. Up to $500 expense approved for 28th Annual Ice Breaker Festival pub sponsorship and shuttle bus support 5Feb. Club may still make/serve chili as an option but will not be included in the chili contest. Motion approved.

5. **AL Events**

-AL Department Meeting Feb 11-13 in Lansing.

6. **Family Meetings - SAL Events**
   -Planning turkey Dinner in January, benefit for S.A.L. member. (no date set)
   -Super Bowl meal in February (no date)
   -Pasty Dinner fundraiser for S.A.L. member (no date)
   -Gumbo dinner at Mardi Gras (Tuesday, March 1 traditional)
   -Corned beef & cabbage St. Patty's Day (March 17)
   -In addition to other donations SAL has made/reported/summarized earlier, SAL donated $1,000 to the SHHS downhill varsity ski team. This donation has also been added to the overall summary.

7. **Family Meetings - Aux**
   -Kids 11Dec2021 Christmas Party supported approx 100 children.
   -Some charitable contribution plans made but summary not yet available.

Sick call - Paul Middleton (AFIB), Dale Sargent (stroke), Brett Novi (potential leg amputation).

Unfinished business
-"War on Terror" meeting room display space
- Sound absorbing tiles, other alternatives for clubroom.
-Kitchen freezer strategy developing.

New Business
-Honor Guard. Plan to meet at Post 1115 8Jan2022 to support Gavino Hernandez honors at Filbrant Chapel followed by a 1315 meeting at the Post to support Thomas Tranker Honors at SH VFW Post 667.
-Please make "buddy check" calls/visits when and where possible
-Jason working with a person (identified by Linda Teeter) to accept a stock donation of approx $4,500 to the Post to support purchase of an upright freezer for the kitchen.
-AL donation addresses summarized, a standard donation letter requesting donation receipt completed and being printed for Jason's signature for all donations.
-Water donations to Kentucky and Benton Harbor MI approved and added to the overall summary.

Next meetings
- Membership Mtg 1900 3Feb
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 27Jan

Memorial to a departed post member
-Draping of charter completed for Herman Heuremann

For The Good of The American Legion.
-Volunteers wanted poster circulated for comment..
-New Year's Day Jan 1, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Jan 17, Presidential Inauguration Day Jan 20, Four Chaplains Day Feb 3, National Salute to Veteran Patients Week of Feb 14, Valentine's Day Feb 14.

Communication & Donations. No additional noted.

Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2000.

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

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account Balances as of 1/6/22 for Membership meeting on 1/6/22

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	$51,949.65	Daily Club Operations, incl maintenance, Oct reserve, $3,000 Vietnam Wall, $2,000 Raffle	$35,000
Building Fund	$6,369.89	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	$40,000
Pull Tab	$11,605.88	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	$6,000
KENO	$21,420.31	MI Lottery KENO payouts	$5,000
Breakfast Fund	$2,216.76	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	$2,000
Membership	$12,574.14	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	$7,000
Veterans	$20,028.98	Direct support for Veterans/Families	$20,000
Uniform	$3,536.97	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	$4,000
Bank CD	$5,338.29	Total CD Balance	$5,000
Total Funds Available	$135,040.87	Total American Legion Funds Available for spending	$124,000

Profit/Loss Statement

Gross Profit	$25,188.29	
Total Expenses	$36,061.27	
Net Operating Income	-$10,872.98	

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
12.9.21	$3,000.00	ceiling tile/general
24Oct2021	$61.00	Ceiling tile fund

4Nov2021	**$300.00**	**War On Terror Display**
(Terry Gregory)	**$355.00**	**Club room ceiling**
(Josh Gunneson)	**$164.41**	**Future Archery classes**