25Feb2021 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 25Feb2021 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1605 and conducted the opening ceremony for the in-person meeting, supported by a Zoom link.

Order of business.

Adjutant Roll Call: **Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Guy Cherry,** Adjutant Tom Breen, **Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Chaplain,** Service Officer Larry Girard**, Service Officer Steve Hamilton**, Historian to be appointed**, Trustee Tom Dryer**, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt,** Trustee Chuck Aubrey, **Member Jim Montgomery, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Aux. Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter**

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

Meeting Minutes. "4Feb2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes" were distributed previously and approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members. None present

Committee reports

1. **Finance**: The entire Finance report was approved as summarized below.

-Special thank you to both the Sons and Auxiliary for their donations

-Account status for 25Feb Jan2021 $95,661, including $5,200.69 Bank CD and $21,927 PPP draw 2 received.

-Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -$4,850.67, Feb2020 $4,292.82,Mar2020 -$8,775.42, Apr2020 -$12,001.36, May2020 -$10,521.76, June2020 -$ 4,888.43, July2020 $4,148.85, Aug2020 $3,379.61, Sept2020 $3,091.10 supported by $5,000 grant, vs Sept2019 $4,523.09, Oct2020 -$1,065.82, Nov2020 -$7,023.28, Dec2020 $5,306.93, Jan2021 -$ 9,108.08

-Ongoing/current fixed costs approx $7,000 per month (bldg/club management, unemployment insurance, utilities, club insurance, acct services, lawn or snow services). Variable labor costs for bartenders and cleaning additional approx. $3,000 per month.

2. **Adjutant - Membership.** Report approved as shown below:

-Achieved 80.59% membership versus 1March target of 85%target. 13 currently in process, bringing us to 82.86% with several more starting in the. Several more are expected now that Post 49 has reopened.

3. Service Officers Nothing new to report

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

-All who enter must use sign in sheet and comply with current posted MI Health Dept of health restrictions.

-Calendars for March, April not reviewed.

-Regular dinners scheduled to start 2April with pizza supported by AL and resume same rotation. All groups asked to commit to support.

-Regular breakfasts scheduled to start 2May. All groups asked to commit to support.

-Pull tab machine has several stations not operating. Heather reported that new machine cost is $6,645 plus $600 for base if required. Individual columns would cost $300, $600 less $300 for core trade-in. Heather asked to investigate warranty terms/conditions and available financing options for her update and recommendation next month. Profit from the machine was noted to be approx $23,000 for 2019CY and $14,000 for 2020CY.

-Heather created a check-off sheet to ensure cleaning of club facilities are completed to a fixed schedule. Ben reported that he has health concerns that may prevent his return to work.

-Hiring a cook late March or early April was approved by 5-to-2 vote to allow cook to "get up to speed" for the May start of summer season. The cook starting salary is estimated to be approx $12.50 per hour.

-Approval received for taking most of plexiglass down currently in place between bartender and and bar stool patrons, since it is no longer required by the Dept of Health. Initially, the two (2) stations of plexiglass will remain along the south wall to accommodate any patron that wants additional covid related protection.

-An SAL member previously lost his Post 49 SAL membership privileges and a recommendation to ban this person from Post 49 club privileges was made, endorsed by the Exec. Com. Mtg and will be subject to AL member vote 4March2021.

5. AL Events

-Funeral Honor Guard events continue to be supported as required, 27 this fiscal year-to-date.

-Will celebrate AL 102nd birthday 15March starting at 1200.

-Will celebrate MOH day 25March at 1500 with a 21 gun salute before the Club Operations Committee.

6. SAL Events

-South Haven SAL Post 49 Squadron Adjutant Greg McCormack presented a grateful appreciation "Shooting Star Award" to South Haven Meijer Store Director Sandy Wright for their financial support of special dinners and the children's Christmas party fund. Picture and short story submitted to MI American Legion magazine and South Haven Tribune.

- Will support traditional St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner 1600-1800 17March. Price is $9 and many carry-outs expected

- Planning "Bean bags on the Bluff event" for early Sept2021.

7. Aux Events - Will review recent donations in their next membership meeting.

Other Business.

-A Post 49 American Legionnaire of the Year award and two 50 Year awards for members Miller and Page will be presented at the 4Mar2021 Member meeting. Uniform of the day will be long sleeve shirts and gold braid.

-Please submit nominations for the AL Historian position to Jason.

- A meeting strategy Discussion identified that current cross representation in regular meetings precludes the need for a separate meeting. The regular **Membership Meeting, Executive Committee (EC) Meeting** and **Club** (Facilities and) **Operations Committee Meeting** will continue as scheduled, as recommended by State/National American Legion authorities, the current Post Officers handbook, and the post By-Laws.

-Marc Sutton has requested that a video be produced by Post49 that covers flag etiquette and handling in the context of the American Legion color and honor guard activities.

The Glenn school has extended an invitation for the color guard to visit and demonstrate care and handling of the US flag. The request came from Earl and date is TBD.

-**Van Buren Co.Veterans Forum** 3March @1730 to discuss spending priorities for 2021 (please send requests to Jason), **District Meeting** 7Mar Sturgis, **Department Annual Convention** 8-11Jul Sault Ste Marie, **National Conference** 1Mar-4Mar with Zoom links (you must register),

-**AL Post 49 election** scheduled for 6May2021.

Next meetings

- 4March 2021 Membership Mtg 1900
- 25March 2021 Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600, "King of Diamonds" drawing at 1730.

Next 2021 days to celebrate.

K 9 Veterans Day March 13, **American Legion Birthday March 15**, **St. Patrick's Day March 17**, **Medal of Honor Day March 25**, Passover March 27 to April 4, 2021, Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29

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Post commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 1715.

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