AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes
7Nov 2019

Commander Jason Turner conducted opening ceremonies and ordered roll call.

Roll call taken and those **present shown in bold font.**
Adjutant: " **Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley**, **2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Chuck Aubrey, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Judge Advocate Stan Wakild,** Board member Tom Dryer**,** Board Member Glen Higgs, **Club Manager Heather Hahn,** Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard**, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Member Jed Fall**, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Auxiliary Pres. Billie Coone, **Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter**, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** Member Jim Addessi, Member Larry Niles, **Guest John Cononi** (sp?) .
Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) **present** (Attachment 1-Sign In Sheet)

Reading of last meeting minutes. 3OCT 2019 minutes approved as written.

Introduction of guest(s): John Cononi.

Committee reports

1. **Finance**: An Oct24,2019 cash account summary (Attachment II) was distributed showing total funds available of $83,767 which included last months $3,725 donation.
   The new summary format should reference target levels of approximately $18,000 for daily club operations (Nov-March) operations deficit. The Building Fund, primarily for capital building expenditures, has a current $35,000 funding shortfall.

2. **Adjutant**:
   - Accredited membership/renewal level is at approximately 57%, 341 people including one (1) transfer. If we credit all those in process, we are greater than 65%. Nine (9) transfers from Bangor post in process.
   -Gordon and Aubrey Ford, residents of Scotland and British Legion veteran members requested club permissions during their visits to South Haven post.The Department Adjutant discouraged guest membership since current legion constitution and bylaws do not permit, so other (reciprocity) options will be discussed as a followup.

3. **New Member Applications**: Several new membership requests also in process.

4. **Service Officers**. Steve reported:.
   -Ongoing conversations with young family to fill up 500gal propane tank and was also referred to county/state organizations. Person would also like to join Legion but currently resource constrained.
   - Access ramp installed per an earlier request in 4.5 hours and using $1018.55 in materials. An additional $1250 was also authorized to replenish tools and other consumables used during the build. Additional followup work required to modify screen door and apply stain coating to raw lumber after curing.
   There was prior agreement and approval for ramp 50/50 funding split of up to $3,000 estimated cost by SAL and the AL.
   -Scheduling additional visits for Gary Easterling to host more focused service help conversations was not discussed.

5. **Board of Directors**.
   -Floor options discussed including $15,000 for current clubroom vinyl and carpet surfaces to minimize tripping hazards at interfaces
   -Letter received from Chemical Bank to close two (2) inactive accounts.

6. **Club Manager** (incl reviewing events for the next 30-60 days).
-Walk in cooler door seals replaced at cost of $390.
-Haven Furnace inspection report included: meeting room furnace ignitor replacement, clubroom ignitor and blower motor replacement suggested, cost to replace clubroom furnace $2500-$3000, preventative maintenance for all furnaces $500/year plus any replacement parts required. Heather asked to get a competitive quote from "Protemp". Total HVAC system integration study not planned until 2021 using an estimated cost of $20,000.
-Thanksgiving day club operations 1700-closing.
-Christmas Party planned for 21Dec
-New Years eve party planned
-Other Nov/Dec calendar events not covered

7. **SAL.**
-SAL current account balance of approx $12,000.
-Suggestion received to purchase a second set of flags for traveling to Memorial/Honor events
-830-1030 11Nov breakfast for veterans and spouses.
-24Nov Larry Carlson memorial dinner 1200-1400. Please sign up to volunteer for kitchen help, delivery drivers.

8. **Aux**. Linda reported
-Aux will donate $200 to Children's Christmas party
-Aux will develop goals for next 3 years, budget to support goals, succession planning for officers.
-Linda will be Aux alternate representative to AL membership meetings when President Billie not available

9**. Family Meeting - Not Covered**

10. **Americanism Committee**:
-A meeting scheduled 14Nov at 1100 with Jason, Steve, Chuck and a South Haven Public Schools curriculum coordinator to discuss a regular Americanism presentation covering veterans, Legion and American flag.

11. **By laws Committee**:
-Submitted to Department 7Oct with proof of post approval and electronic receipt received same day. Working with Department Commanders office and Brett Holt for approval. Last department commitment was to receive feedback by15Nov.

Sick call - Health status of Art Orozco not known and Steve will investigate prior to next meeting.

Unfinished Business
-Member Expulsion Process- Received general consensus for the following "best practice" to be followed in future. Article 9, Section 2 from the National Constitution and Bylaws as revised Aug2013 states, "Members may be suspended or expelled from the Legion only upon a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty and conduct unbecoming a member of THE AMERICAN LEGION. All charges must be made under oath in writing by the accusers, and no member in good standing shall lose his membership until given a fair trial by the Post or Department in such manner and form as the Department By-Laws and Department Executive Committee shall prescribe." Therefore since the expelling of a member is similar to expelling a members public display(s) or recorded history, the same due diligence should be followed.
-Stan brought the member in question's resignation as commander, together with an election announcement as commander, to the meeting for information. The next steps are still TBD.
-Bingo plan/strategy not discussed

New Business

-Veterans Day- free breakfast for veterans/spouses planned for 830-1030 11Nov and supported by SAL.
-Pearl Harbor- Ceremonies being planned for 7Dec.
-Thanksgiving- Larry Carlson memorial dinner planned for 28Nov and supported by SAL, other volunteers
-Santa needs a new suit for the Christmas party and up to $500 was authorized for procurement.
-Jim Montgomery resigned as the SAL liaison and Jed Fall was announced as Jim's replacement

Next meeting- 5 Dec

Communication & Donations-None reported

Memorial to a departed post member-None reported

For The Good of The American Legion-None reported

Closing ceremony

Commander Jason Turner conducted closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 2130.

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