Membership Meeting Minutes
1900 1 Aug 2019

Commander Jason Turner conducted opening ceremonies and ordered roll call.

Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, Adjutant Tom Breen, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell, Finance Officer Chuck Aubrey, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Board member Tom Dryer, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Member Jim Montgomery, Ordnance Officer Mike Audrich, Member Jed Fall, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter,.
Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) present.- Sign in sheet -Attachment I.

27June 2019 Membership Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as published.

Introduction of guests. Commander Jason Turner introduced Linda Teeter's daughter and two children.

Finance Officer Report. Account balances reviewed including funds available of $71,513 - Attachment II.
Adjutants Report including New Member Applications
Tom announced several new member applications and passed applications around for members to review.

Service Officer Report
Ongoing conversations continue to occur with five (5) veterans and their families. Additional conversations scheduled with Van Buren Co. veterans/families.
State Service Officer visit planned for afternoon of 15Aug and request a schedule be developed for individual conversations with those interested.
Service Officer training off site planned and will include Jason, Steve and Larry.

Board of Directors
Chuck Aubrey requested that no cooking occur inside Tiki Bar to avoid a potential fire risk.

Club Manager report.
Club Manager's report to membership included mention of several Aug. events.
It was also requested by the Cub Manager to:
- lock thermostat cover to avoid the possibility of anyone being able to change thermostat settings at any time.
- place sprinkler control on manual to avoid watering landscaping immediately before or during scheduled event.

SAL. Total funds available approximately $12,000.
Approximately $1,500 was earned during a special fundraising event and awarded to a family in need.

Aux. New Officers installed.

Americanism Committee
Chuck Aubrey reported that he will meet with South Haven School Superintendent prior to our next meeting to plan additional future events, leveraging prior initiatives performed by Steve Hamilton and Sean Russell to teach Americanism, American Legion history and flag traditions to South Haven school classes.

By-Laws Committee
Additional copies of AL Post proposed By-Laws passed out to membership that had not seen them previously. A complete summary of the proposed By-Laws can also be found on our American Legion Post 49 website.
Adjutant Tom Breen preparing to send to all AL members (25 days) prior to the 3Oct. 2019 membership meeting review. After approval, bylaws will be signed by officers and sent to state level for final approval.

The By-Law mailing will also be used to announce the new American Legion Act, opening membership to all that served in the armed forces and received honorable discharges, as well as soliciting membership to further volunteer and/or donate. (Attachment III - Proposed letter).

Budget Committee
The Budget Committee plans no further/additional regular meetings and will use the current Key Financial Data (Attachment IV) template to report overall financial strategy and status to both the Board and Membership meeting attendees. The summaries will be prepared on a monthly basis as soon as the data is made available from our accountant. Current highlights include:
-AL and Family member donations up from $28,408 in 2017/8 to $34,099 in 2018/9.
-Hall rental up from $13,035 to $21,313 for same time period.
-Additional Operating General Account $20,000 accrual required to support anticipated club losses from Oct 2019 to Mar 2019.
-Approx $40,000 capital spending planned for July 2019-June 2020

Mortgage Burning Committee
Linda Teeter reviewed: one week away, 752 invitations sent, 150 rsvps, volunteers needed for parking and chair/table set up.
Ceremony planned for 1330, food 1400-1500, music after the ceremony is completed.

Sick Call. None Reported

Unfinished Business
Calendar Sales strong but still have many to sell

New Business
-Photo op with Eagle scouts planned for the near future
-Aug 5 1200-1700 Van Buren County Open House
-Aug 17 1200 Salute to Veterans at south pier
-It was proposed that the post should remove the picture of a past commander because the person was reported to have recently not acted in the best interest of the American Legion. After some discussion, this motion was seconded and approved by member vote of 4 Yes, 3 No and 4 Abstain. Additional discovery needed to determine the requirements and process for the post to execute this action.

Communications and Donations. None reported

Memorial to Departed Member - None reported

For the Good of the Legion -
Family Meeting scheduled 1700 last Thursday of the month, next 29Aug 2019.
Funding for Aux lifetime membership for Linda Teeter was approved

Commander Turner completed the Closing Ceremony

Respectfully submitted by Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49