AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes
2Jan2020

Commander Jason Turner conducted opening ceremonies and ordered roll call.

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 Dick Cavanaugh**, Member Guy Cherry, Member Willy Reinhardt, Member Bruce Thatcher**.
Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) **present** (Attachment 1-Sign In Sheet)

Reading of last meeting minutes. 19Dec 2019 minutes approved as written.

Introduction of guest(s): None present

Committee reports

1. **Finance**:
   -A 2Jan 2020 cash account summary was distributed showing total funds available of $71,950.71.
   -Updated targets of $10,000 for General Operating to cover projected Jan-Mar2020 club operation losses, $21,000 for Building Fund Capital Spending, $12,000 for Veterans Direct Support were reviewed.
   -Nov2019 P&L loss of $13,000 was primarily caused by a $9,400 breakfast payout to the supporting organizations.
   -Sean Russell's new AL finance roll was not discussed.

2. **Adjutant**:
   -Dept. accredited membership/renewal level is at approximately 77.6% versus an 80% target with shortfall explained primarily by lag in processing at Division/state level.
   -We have 34new members, 9transfers and approx 30 PUFL.

3. **New Member Applications**: One (1) active duty member application received (Michael Yokie) since last membership meeting and circulated for review by meeting members present.

4. **Service Officers**. Steve/Larry reported:
   -Responded to neighbor call of "veteran-in-distress" and face-to-face conversation revealed that veteran frustrated over his treatment in hospital and will be discussing further with them. A call to Allegan Co Sheriff's Office made for follow up as required.
   -Received a call from SH VFW Commander about St Joseph area veteran home rental payment shortfall. Steve authorized to investigate need further and spend up to $300 to support if verified.
   -Plan to support local veteran with supply of firewood discussed and planned for 7Jan delivery by post volunteers.

5. **Club Operations.**
   -**Protemp** confirmed again for furnace short term repairs and long term service contract.

6. **Club Manager** (incl reviewing events for the next 30-60 days).
   -Ice Breakers event funding approved to $650 including fees and cost to purchase 10 gal chili
   -Christmas Party and New Years Party reported to be very successful events.

7. **Family Meetings AL.**
-5Jan District Meeting. Jason, Guy and Willie will support 5Jan AL District meeting
-Proposed new flooring process, timing and estimated cost of $12,000 discussed. All three Aux members present chose the tan color of vinyl flooring.
-Steve highlighted a plan for a 25July Salute to Veterans event at Flywheelers to include various displays and vendors. A volunteer signup sheet was circulated during the meeting.

8. **Family Meetings AUX**. Linda reported
-15Dec Children's Christmas party was a success with approx 30 children attending.
-Aux will support $1,500 of new 3-door fridge $5,000 purchase price.
-No update on Marry's support of auction for Comiskey Park chair, quilt and three (3) lighthouses

9**. Family Meeting - SAL**
-25Jan 1600-1800 fundraiser planned for the Scott Frazier family. A single member $500 donation was collected during the meeting and will be matched by the approved AL donation of $500 for $1,000 total. Another member also donated $100 during the meeting.
-Boys/Girls state events being planned
-Trooper award event 14 Jan at SHHS

10. **Americanism Committee**:
-Plan to support Girl Scout presentation 20Jan at at 1800
-No further actions discussed

11. **By laws Committee**:
-Bylaws approved by Division/state 8Dec, have been posted on AL website since 7Oct and paper copies available at Legion

Sick call. Dick Kennedy's son in hospital, Roger Busch had successful surgery and recovering at home, Carl Keebler surgery pending. Happy to see both Glenn Higgs and Tom Dryer doing well and able to attend meetings !

Unfinished Business
-**Clubroom floor** replacement timing/funding proposal discussed: $4000 from AL Building Fund, $4,000 from SAL $4,000 from AL Membership Fund, TBD from Aux, other.
-**Removing a picture from the wall of Commanders.**
The individual in question was recognized by the post as Commander albeit for a short period by being duly elected Commander per the 7May 2015 Regular Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, identified as Commander in the 4June 2015 Regular Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes and self identified as Commander in the 12June 2015 resignation letter to local/district legion officers. It was reported 19Dec 2019 that the individual was never installed and based on that report a decision to remove the picture was approved. On 2Jan 2020 it was reported that the individual was (probably) installed and on that basis a decision was approved to leave the picture in place. Actual documentation to verify if the individual was either installed or not installed has never been found. This issue is now considered to be closed.

New Business

-Adjutant Tom Breem has been gathering data for the Post “Consolidated Report” and will be available for member review late 1Q2020. Tom wants to make sure that all of our special events, color/honor guard activities and support activities are recognized by the report

- Jed mentioned that the pool table in need of repair and was requested to get a quote to repair.

-Guy suggested that we order and have on hand “Grateful Appreciation Medals” for veterans returning from active service, to be discussed further including plan to ID who they are.

-Steve asked for donations of campers/trailers to provide short term housing for returning veterans in need. Sean offered storage space for campers during the staging/repair process.

-Jason asked that we drape the AL Charter in memory of recently departed members, performed real time by Steve at close of meeting.

Next meeting- 6Feb

Communication & Donations- $11,000 from individual donations through Nov2019, ahead of last 2 FYs.

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 2115.

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