24 OCT 2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 24 OCT 2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting to order at 1600, and declared the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for Business.

Adjutant Roll Call: **Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash**, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, **Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Sean Russell,** Judge Advocate Jason Turner**, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag**, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Jason Mayer**,** Historian Jim McCloughan, **Trustee Dan Gomez,** Trustee Patrick Whitlatch**,** Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely,Trustee Guy Cherry**, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** SAL Commander Brett Novy**, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald,** Auxiliary VicePresident Linda Teeter, **Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker,** Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, **AUX member Linda .** Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 26 SEPT 2024 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

Meeting purpose reminder. Review recommendations from committees (including the Club Operations Committee), adopt those recommendations that are judged to be useful for the successful operation and management of the post,and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Introduction of Guests None.

Business

-Account status:$232,965.41 22Oct2024 vs. $229,783.92 26Oct2023 vs. $223,720.99 26Sept2024
-Quickbooks: Sep2024 -$7,494.45 (including $9,816 Federal Income Tax payment for 2022,2023 sales to non-members) vs $15,331.52 Aug2024 vs $ 9,891.25 Sept2023
-Finance Report was provided by Sean Russell, motion for approval was made by Earl Lash, properly seconded, members approved the Finance report.
-SAL funds available: $21,831.69
-Aux funds available: $28,000 with $10,000 “reserved for ADA improvements”..
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Staff Mtg scheduled date for Nov 2, 2024.
-Fire extinguisher training TBD.
-Lakeside Fire/Safety recommended upgrading the hood fire suppression system for approx $1,500, looking for a second opinion from another company in Grand Rapids.
-Nov/Dec2024 calendar review highlighting special/OTP events
-Kitchen Deep Cleaning to be scheduled soon.
-Mike Andruch to provide Emily with a list of maintenance items.
-On motion of Earl Lash, members approved moving the AL Exec Meeting from 12-26-24 to 12-19-24.

AL Events

-0930 23Oct Veteran Flag Holder assessment at Lakeview Cemetery, 1150 graves were reviewed by a team of members.
-0800-1200 Breakfast Sun 27Oct. by the American Legion with prep starting at 0600.
-3Nov 1100-1430 District 4 Mtg at Colon:1100 PSO Mtg, 1230 Lunch(269-386-0546),1330 Business Mtg
-1200 noon 29Oct South Haven nursing home veterans visit Post.
- Sunday Nov10 Marine Corps Birthday, 1200 noon celebration
- Monday Nov11 Veterans Day, 1200 noon Honor Guard salute at Post and SH nursing home followed by luncheon for Vet’s, Post 49 members.
- Nov AL Exec Com Mtg moved to 1600 21Nov.
- Lest We Forget South Haven American Legion meeting 11Dec from 1830-2000.

SAL Events
-Larry Carlson Memorial dinner Sunday Nov 24.

Aux Events.
-Oct 26, 1300-1500 Post 49 halloween party for kids..

Other Business
-Clubroom sound reduction. Waiting Aux approval for cost share of $22,593 total expected cost, still trying to get additional quotes.
-Memorial brick addition $13,372.57 quote dated 17Sep2024 approved including 5 additional rows of brick added to each side, additional gray brick edger material, repair/leveling of main walkway.
-Auto Zone debit card status.
-Landscape leveling proposal-deBest update, handout provided to members detailing project which was further detailed by the Commander. Linda from AUX will postpone application for Grant until signed contract and plan are available for the application.
-Wreaths Across America Nov2024 program for Dec2024 placement at Lakeview, cost is $17 per wreath.
-State funding for Post 49 improvements TBD.
-Fund raising brainstorming in process (Jason Turner, Shelley Ammerman, Angela Ely, Mary Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzbaker, Gerry Durkee, John Barkley) next meeting 1800 23Oct.
-Fleetwood Post furnace and A/C system install update: we needed to downsize the furnace due to inadequate existing ductwork, a different furnace to be installed possibly next week. Duct cleaning scheduled for Oct 25.
-Front entrance support structure repair update, planned for Monday 10-26.
-Kitchen wall plumbing move to interior planned in Nov.

Correspondence to/from AL None

Sick Call
Steve Hamilton, Rodney Tolbert, Dan Farmer, Chuck Aubrey were noted.

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 7 NOV 2024..
-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 21 NOV 2024.
Dec Exec Com. Mtg meeting moved to 12-19-24.

2024 Holidays and Observances
Oct: Saturday Oct 26, 1300-1500,Post 49 Halloween Children's Party, Thursday Oct 31 Halloween
-Nov: Sunday Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends, **Sunday Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday**, **Monday Nov11 Veterans Day,** Sunday Nov 24 Larry Carlson Memorial Dinner,Thursday Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day, Friday Nov 29 Native American Heritage Day
-Dec: Saturday Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Friday Dec 13 National Guard Birthday, **Saturday Dec 21 National Wreaths Across America**, **Saturday Dec 14 Post 49 Children's Christmas Party**, Wed. Dec 25 Christmas Day, Thursday Dec 26 Kwanzaa (first day), Tuesday Dec 31 New Year's

Finding No further actions to come before this meeting, Post commander declared this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post 49 Executive Committee adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49