26 Sept 2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 26 SEP 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.
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 29 AUG 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

-Per Sean Russell: Account status:$231,914.51 vs $230,437.36 26Sept2023 vs $224,651.82 26Aug2024
-Quickbooks: Aug 2024 $ 15,331.52 vs Aug2023 -$ 278.31, July2024 $10,659.40
-Finance Report motion for approval was made by Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, was approved.
-SAL funds available: $21,600, per Earl Lash.
-Aux funds available: $28,000 with $10,000 “reserved for building projects”.
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Fifth Sunday (29Sep) breakfast events hosted by Masons.
-Post 49 hats have been customized.
-Fire extinguisher training TBD.
-Oct 2024 calendar review . Committee agreed to move next two meetings forward one week, i.e., the Oct 31 meeting will move to Oct 24, the Nov 28 meeting will be Nov 21.

AL Events

-26Sept2024 memorial salute for Army veteran Warren at Stephenson Cemetery. Bus leaves at 1115.
-4Oct Pizza dinner support required at 1630.

SAL Events

-Larry Carlson Memorial dinner.

Aux Events.

-Mary Fitzgerald reported Halloween party for kids is being planned.

Other Business

- Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement proposal update. Next event is survey and mapping of Lakeview Cemetery veterans graves by location to check for flag holders.
-Clubroom sound reduction. Waiting Aux approval for cost share of $22,593 total expected cost.

-Memorial brick addition quote dated 17Sep2024 rec'd from deBest for $13,372.57 and includes 5 additional rows of brick added to each side, additional gray brick edger material, repair/leveling of main walkway.Chuck Aubrey moved to approve the brick contract and to send it to the membership meeting for approval.
-Auto Zone debit card status, waiting on Jason Mayer.
-Landscape leveling proposal-deBest update pending, trustees Aubrey, Reinhardt and Gomez to be involved
in reviewing this contract.
-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 Oct 9, at 6:00 pm.
-Quotes were reviewed for replacement of Post furnace and A/C systems: $8,650 to $15,500 depending on quality/durability and size of systems vs $30-35K prior quote.
On motion of Willie Reinhardt the Committee approved the Quote of Goodman Systems in the amount of $15,500, to be reviewed for approval at the next membership meeting.
-$5,000 estimated/approved cost to repair front entrance support posts timing TBD.
-$1,000 estimated/approved cost to move plumbing from outside wall timing TBD.
-Other Business : Guidelines for the bartenders concerning the allowance of non-member visitors onto the premises were discussed
-Other Maintenance items: Sheds and fences were recently painted by volunteers.

Correspondence to/from AL None

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Sick Call

Steve Hamilton, Rodney Tolbert and Dan Farmer were noted.

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 3 OCT 2024..
-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 24 OCT 2024.

2024 Holidays and Observances

-Oct: Sunday Oct 13 Navy Birthday, Monday Oct 14 Columbus Day, Wednesday Oct 16 Boss's Day, **Saturday Oct 26 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 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49