27 JUNE 2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 30 MAY 2024 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1605, conducted the opening ceremony 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 Bruce Thatcher, 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,

Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 25 April2024 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: $208,616.43 20June vs vs $190,685.25 29June2023, vs $200,599.62 5June 2024
-Quickbooks: May 2024 vs May2023 -$ 8,086.50, Apr2024 -$ 13,299.97
-A motion to approve the Finance Report, given by Sean Russell, was made by Earl Lash, properly seconded, was approved by committee members.
-SAL funds available: Actual amount not available, but approximately $19,000.
-Aux funds available: Actual amount not available, but approximately $27,000 plus CD of $6,498.
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Third Friday dinner rotation May-Oct will be hosted by Lions
-Fifth Friday (31May, 30Aug) dinner and Sunday (30June, 29Sep) breakfast events hosted by Masons.
-Post 49 hat ordering status-not yet ordered.
-Fire extinguisher training TBD.
-3July2024 discussion
-AL blue hooded sweatshirts arrived for sale
-July2024 calendar review

AL Events

-2024 AL new Officers requiring swearing in: Trustee Josh Gunneson and Jason Mayer, not present, deferred to next member meeting.
-8June veterans event approx. 125 guests, 80 veterans -
-29June Honor Guard support for Army Veteran at Taylor Cemetery. The bus departs at 1015 for the 1100 ceremony at Taylor Cemetery. Planning currently in process.
-5July AL Pizza Dinner
-20July Honor Guard Ceremony for USAR Staff Sergeant Ken Tremaine 1315. Meet 1300 at Post

SAL Events

-Cooking for the July 3 fireworks event..

Aux Events.

-Copier replacement proposal revised, AL will pay $1,075, waiting on install.

- Mary Fitgerald asks that we provide 3 (young) Veterans to march in the 4th of July parade.

Other Business

-Bob Dargis reported looking into the legal issue of whether the City of South Haven was required to provide and maintain flag holders and flags on the graves of Veterans in our local cemetery. A portion of the 1915 Statute pertaining to that requirement was attached to the meeting agenda and discussed. He reported that our local Alderwoman for Ward 3, Mary Hosley) was notified of the Statute and was aware of the requirement. Aaron Priebe contacted to help identify graves and marker needs. A petition must be presented to the City Council to initiate their approval process.

-Flag Day with Troop 188

-Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement proposal update based on MI PA 63 update - Bob

-Clubroom sound reduction - 12June Post 49 club layout including ceiling height layout sent to Peter Cook, waiting on next steps including recommendations from Peter.

-Service flagpole wire: found/picked-up, Steve H had installed.

-Auto Zone debit card status.

-Memorial Brick proposal, no quote yet.

-Landscape leveling proposal, no quote yet.

-ADA interior improvements- no progress, Mary Fitzgerald asks that we move forward. Suggests a committee made up of 3 members each from AL, AUX and SAL.

-Maintenance: Plumber replacing outside Spigot July 1,, noted some discrepancy with water flow.

-Guy Cherry requested that we consider purchasing the Van we have used for Honor Guard from Steve Hamilton for $16,500. No decision by the Exec Committee and will be discussed further at next membership meeting on Aug 1.

Correspondence to/from AL

-Several written notes of appreciation from Richard Kibble family, Art Roderick family, Robinson Family,

-Price family (also sending thanks to AF for their support).

-Thank you note from Bruce (and Becky) Thatcher for Memorial Day related recognition as Grand Marshall.

-Thank you note to Navy Lieutenant Nick Dargis' Commanding Officer for his extraordinary Memorial Day ceremony support.

Sick Call

-Lynne Farmer reported evening of 24June that Dan Farmer just had massive seizure, diagnosed with brain tumor (and unable to support Honor's team with taps until completes post surgery recovery). Please continue to keep Dan in your thoughts/prayers

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 1 AUGUST.

-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 25 July.

2024 Holidays and Observances

-Jul: Thursday Jul 4 Independence Day, Saturday Jul 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day,

-Aug: Sunday Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday, Wednesday Aug 7 Purple Heart Day, **Operation Injured**

Soldier Friday Aug 16 1700-1930 Dinner and Saturday Aug 17 12 Noon Salute on S Pier, Monday Aug 19 National Aviation Day

-Sep: Monday Sep 2 Labor Day, Sunday Sep 8 National Grandparents Day, **Wednesday Sep 11 Patriot Day**, Tuesday Sep 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, **Wednesday Sep 18 Air Force Birthday**, Friday Sep 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sunday Sep 29 Gold Star Mother's Day

-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 21 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 adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49