**29AUG 2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Post Commander John Barkley called the 25 JULY 2024 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, 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 Dan Gomez,** 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, Trustee Bruce Thatcher.

Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.

**Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes-** 25 JULY 2024 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Chuck Aubrey, 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: Per Sean Russell, $224,651.82 vs $228,027.70 31Aug2023 vs $209,325.89 31July2024
-Quickbooks: July2024 $10,659.40 vs July2023 $23,734.91, June2024 $14,152.69
-Finance Report motion for approval was made by Adutant Dargis, properly seconded, was approved..
-SAL Account: $19,236
-Aux Account $28,300 with $10,000 “reserved”.
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
 -Third Friday dinner rotation May-Oct hosted by Lions
 -Fifth Friday (30Aug) dinner and Sunday (29Sep) breakfast events hosted by Masons.
 -Post 49 hats have been ordered
 -Fire extinguisher training TBD.
-Sept/ OCT 2024 calendars were reviewed by Emily Fitzbaker. Emily also advised she had a potential new bartender in the process of being hired. She also advised there was a possibility of changing food vendors and that the local High School RAM athletic group may be coming in to help clean the kitchen in order to obtain service hours.

**AL Events**

-30Aug OIS Friday dinner will be hosted by South Haven Mason Lodge, serving Italian Beef sandwiches.
-31Aug Salute to OIS 12Noon on south pier. The bus leaves at 1140.
-5Sep team salute and disposal of unusable US flags with Scouts at Flywheelers. Bus leaves at 1745.

**SAL Events**

-Larry Carlson Memorial dinner.

**Aux Events**.

-Mary Fitzgerald reported the fundraising sub-committee had met Aug 28, will meet again Sept 18.

**Other Business**

-Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement proposal update. Next event is after 15Sept to survey Lakeview Cemetery veterans graves by location to check for flag holders on 1100+ graves, City to pay for replacement.

-Youth shoot support 24Aug at SHRGC report out. Want to support OIS weekend next year.

-Clubroom sound reduction. Waiting Aux approval for cost share of $22,593 total expected cost.

-Auto Zone debit card status.

-Memorial Brick proposal-deBest update pending

-Landscape leveling proposal-deBest update pending

-State funding for Post 49 improvements TBD.

-Fund raising brainstorming in process (Jason T., Mary F., Emily Fitzbaker, Gerry Durkee, John Barkley) next meeting 18Sep2024 at 1800.

-Other Business: members approved giving $100 in drink tickets to SAL member Harold Bennett for work performed around the building.

-Maintenance items: per Mike Andruch, one of the air Conditioning compressors is out and will need replacement, possibly $4,000. Other options to think about, such as adding Heat pump(s) may be considered. Mike to work on obtaining quotes. Mike also reported his concern with the posts in front of main entrance that support the overhang over the main entrance need replacement by contractor at a cost of $5,000. Members approved hiring of contractor on motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded. Members also approved transfer of $5,000 in funds from Membership account to the building fund on Motion of Adjutant Dargis, properly seconded. Mike reminded us that plumbing on outside wall needs replacement by November.

**Correspondence to/from AL**

None.

**Sick Call**

Commander noted Auxiliary member Diana Mirabella as recently deceased.

**Next meetings**

-Membership Mtg rescheduled to 12 Sept 2024 on motion of adjutant Dargis due to conflict with flywheelers event Sept 5, was approved by members.

-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 26 Sept.

**2024 Holidays and Observances**

**-Aug: Operation Injured Soldier Friday 30Aug 1700-1930 Dinner and 12Noon Saturday 31Aug on South Pier**

**-Sep:** Monday Sep 2 Labor Day, **Thursday Sep5 1830 Salute** at Flywhelers, Sunday Sep 8 National Grandparents Day, **Wednesday Sep 11 Patriot Day**, Tuesday Sep 17 Constitution 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 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 adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49