2Jan2025 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

After the Opening ceremony was conducted, Commander John Barkley called the 2Jan2025 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1900.

Order of 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**,** Historian Jim McCloughan**,** Trustee Bruce Thatcher, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt,** Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely**, Trustee Guy Cherry, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** Trustee Josh Gunneson, **Service Officer Jason Mayer**, Trustee Dan Gomez, member Tim Gregory, member Brad VandenBerg, member Glenn Higgs, **Member Dan Thompson**, member Kane Goodson, member Don Karrus, Member Richard Schmidt, SAL member Paul Middleton.
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) **present.**

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None.

Award Presentation: None

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 5Dec2024 reviewed/**approved** on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, on voice vote.

Committee reports

1. Finance.

-Account status: $166,298.37 30Dec vs $199,335.13 4Jan2024 , $195,850.81 5Dec2024
-Quickbooks: $11,887.79 loss Nov2024 (incl, $5,500 Federal Income tax payment, $3,000 maintenance) vs -$12,687.96 Oct2024 vs $12,373.93 loss Nov2023.
-1Jan2025 donation line added to Finance Report Summary and explained to membership.
-Finance Report approved on motion of Jim Addessi, properly seconded, on voice vote.
-SAL funds available: $29,280.15
- Aux funds available: $27,623 including $10,000 “reserved for ADA improvements” plus $6,580 BankCD.

2. Adjutant

-Membership Dec2024: 28 new + 47 PUFL + 409 renewals + 5 transfers = 489, 489/667 = 73.7% vs 80% target for 1-15-25
-No new member applications were available for circulation.
-The adjutant’s report was approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

3. Service Officers report Jason Mayer reported that 4 Thanksgiving meals were provided to the Post and delivered to Veterans.Jason also mentioned Charlie Maxwell from Paw Paw had passed and he would reach out to Paw Paw with an offer to support Honor Guard as requested.

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4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Jan., Feb., March calendars available for review.
-On motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, the Exec Com. approved expenditures of up to $900 towards transportation ($500) and the Chili Cook Off / public slide ($400) for Icebreaker festival in February
-Mike Andrich advised the group that he and Paul Middleton would be serving chili for the event.
-Sieg Freitag, John Barkley, Jim Addessi and Sean Russell will support parking and looking for additional help.

-Contract to clean club, mtg. room floors, carpet area ($585, $795, $30) approved at $1,410 on motion of Jim Addessi, properly seconded. Sieg mentioned another potential contractor and invited to solicit quote for comparison/consideration. There was a general recommendation to schedule cleaning after Icebreakers.
-US flag changed and lowered to half-mast in honor of President Carter.
-Emily submitted $1,516 quote from Midwest Food Equipment Service for burner/oven ignition issues but did not include repair for "slop tray" access. Sean suggested we contact Barnhill Appliance Repair service at 616-928-8422 who is widely used by SH restaurants, for quote to repair all.

5. AL Events
-1Feb Ice Breakers
-Move Christmas decorations back into storage 1100 Thursday 9Jan2025
-Storage area house cleaning TBD starting with moving SAL grill to storage shed, donating wood shelf and destroying old boxed club receipts documents greater than 7 years old
-2025 holiday list created and first 4 months shown below.

6. **SAL Events- None**

7. Aux Events - None.

Old Business
-Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement survey update.
-Clubroom sound reduction. Aux will not support a cost share of $22,593 for 40% noise reduction and will purchase wall panels. Noise reduction data not available.
-Landscape leveling proposal plan approved and waiting funding. Internal (ADA levels of accessibility) improvements plan/funding TBD.
-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects update is not available.
-Fund raising brainstorming in process (Jason Turner, Shelley Ammerman, Angela Ely, Mary Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzbaker, Gerry Durkee, John Barkley). Next mtg 15Jan.
-Electrician replacement of bar under counter lights complete, LED upgrade planned for cooler planned. Plumbing upgrade including sprinkler valve and moving kitchen sink service piping to interion complete. Replacing tile near front entrance and sealing cooler door frame TBD.

Other/New Business
-Donation to Post 49 Status - $5,100 received to date and reviewed as part of Finance Report, Donations received section.
-Donations from Post 49 plan - will continue to use template and guidelines as approved/used prior years.
-Pictures from events requested from any who attend.
-Additional Business - Motion by Earl Lash to review Post 49 By Laws at next Membership Meeting Was approved by members.

Sick call Dan Farmer, Steve Hamilton, Sieg Freitag

Communication & Donation Announcements (to/from AL)- none received/reported

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 6Feb2025.
-Exec Com Mtg 1600 30Jan2025
-Fourth District Service officers training at 11:00 am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Meetings 1:30 pm: 5Jan2025 Coloma 362(6505 Red Arrow Hwy), 2March2025 Hickory Corners 484 (3801 W.Hickory Rd.), 18May2025 Dorr 127(4310 18th St.)
-AL Dept. of Michigan Winter Meeting Feb. 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2025 @ BlueWater Convention Center, 800 Harker St., Port Huron, MI

For The Good of The American Legion.

Jan: 1Jan New Years Day, 20Jan Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 20Jan Inauguration Day
Feb: 1Feb Ice Breakers, 2Feb Groundhog Day, 9Feb Super Bowl,14Feb Valentine's Day, 17Feb Presidents' Day
Mar: 5Mar Ash Wednesday, 7Mar Employee Appreciation Day, 9Mar Daylight Saving Time, 17Mar St. Patrick's Day, 30Mar Vietnam Veterans Day,
Apr: 13Apr Palm Sunday, 16Apr Emancipation Day, 18Apr Good Friday, 12Apr Childrens Easter at Post 49, 20Apr Easter Sunday, 21Apr Patriots' Day, 24Apr Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day,

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 1955 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by John Barkley for
Adjutant Bob Dargis, American Legion Post 49