REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Edward W. Thompson American Legion Post 49 7PM-7:45PM 3/7/13

Memberships verified by Adjutant or Sgt-At-Arms Being that Colors are in place – Hand Salute

Chaplain prayer/Pledge of allegiance/ POW-MIA Remembrance, Preamble, rap gavel, all sit

Roll Call: Cmdr. Kevin Ferguson EA – P, 1st Vice Bobby Heavin - P, 2nd Vice Tom Tranker-P, Adj. Paul Hogan – P, Finance Officer Dennis Barton -P, Service Officer. Roxanne. Resmer - P, Judge Adv.- Stan Wakild- EA, Chaplain Val Beer -A, Historian John Lammert - P, Sgt-At-Arms Don Sinkler –P

Draping of the charter for Frederick "Salty" Pero

Review 2/7/13 Reg. Mtg Minutes: Motion: Vern to approve 2nd by Don **Approved**

Review 2/28/13 Board Minutes: Motion: Dennis to approve 2nd Tom **Approved**

Finance Officer Report: F.O. presented account balance (on file with minutes). Bank loan balance is $220,604.40 Credit Card balance $3,088.76 **(total debt $223,693.16)**

Motion to approve report by Don 2nd Tom **Approved**

Tank Comm. Report: Jim contacted S. H. Twp. Supervisor and our City Manage. who on our behalf tried to get funds for Tank transportation from Congr. Upton and State Rep. Nesbitt to no avail. S. H. Historical Society is looking into their National organizations possibilities for funding help. Company from Saginaw will load it for $1,500. Company from Benton Harbor will unload it for $1,000. DeBest Inc. trying to find a company who will haul it for just the price of fuel. TACOM wants us to speed things up – wants paperwork from an "outfit" confirming they will be doing it. **No motion made to approve report. * (Quick Board item)** Jim would like the Board to consider DeBest Inc. when picking a summer lawn care service due to all they have done for us including free trees and only charged us half of the total lawn care bill last year. Vern requested this be put in the minutes.

Adj. Report: We have 494 members, 57 new. Adjutant and Finance Officer will be offering training sessions for incoming Adjutant and Finance Officer between May 2 2013 and June 6th 2013.

Motion to Approve Report by Vern 2nd by Bob **Approved**

New Member Applications: Daniel Daugherty of Grand Junction MI, USAF, Persian Gulf veteran, Hon. Discharge. Transfer in from Dept. of IN. Post 0777 - Richard Barrett of Granger IN, USN, Viet Nam era, Hon. Discharge. (DD-214's submitted with applications)

Motion to approve: Rich 2nd by: Vern New Members **Approved**

SAL Report: "Welcome Home" party for Rodney Tolbert, State SAL Cmdr.is Sat., April 6 2013. General consensus the Legion will assist monetarily and logistically. Post #49 SAL will again be hosting the State convention here first week in June 2014.

Old Business:1. We took 3rd place in Chili Cook Off (profit/loss report not available).

New Business:1. Jim advises Joyce Griffith of *Michigan Blood* has contacted him and they would like to do another blood drive sometime. **No action taken**

2. Michael Kinney has volunteered to be in charge of the Post Honor Guard.

Donations: None **Sick Call:** Bobby Heavin and Tom Tranker are still doctoring.

For the Good of the American Legion: Nothing noted

Chaplain prayer/salute the flag of our country – meeting adjourned 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted:
Paul Hogan, Adj.