**30 May 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 Marty Welker**,** 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: $192,187.33 vs $183,163.98 1May2024, vs $171,748.83 1June2023
-Quickbooks: Apr2024 -$13,299.97 vs Apr2023 -$3,254.36 vs Mar2024 $7,641.25
-Finance Report given by Sean Russell, motion for approval by Jason Turner was approved by members.
-On Motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded, the members also approved combining $50 of pizza night tip money with $263 of tip money from the Jim Montgomery memorial scholarship.
-SAL funds available: $20,609.40
-Aux funds available:Approximately $29,000 + $6,498 CD.
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-June/July2024 Calendar review
-5May breakfast sales for 125 $1438.26 plus $60 to member scholarship fund, 26May breakfast sales for 395 $3,909 + $102 tips to member scholarship fund
-Friday 31May Mason's dinner: pulled pork sandwich with fries & coleslaw from 5-7PM only.
-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.
-Bruce Thatcher suggested we reschedule fire extinguisher training 1830 6June, prior to member mtg.
-Correct breakfast rotation on future calendars, Aux first Sunday of the month, Legion fourth Sunday.

**AL Events**

-2024 newly elected AL Officers: Commander John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Chaplain Larry Girard, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt at Arms Sieg Freitag, Service Officer Jason Mayer, Historian Jim McCloughan, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, 3-Year Trustees Dan Gomez, Josh Gunneson. Installation 6June.
-8June veterans event proposal by Toni Kennedy with alcohol/bar service isolated from 1000-1400.. SAL cooking outside, Aux planning children's events, Willie Reinhardt supporting with a tent. Plan confirmed 26Mar with Toni Kennedy and Adam Swager, US Dept of Veteran Affairs Specialist..VFW invited. Help needed for parking, greeting. Partitions to be delivered 7 June at 6:00 pm, Bob Dargis to accommodate and

be present for that delivery.
-2June Honor Guard support request for Army Veteran James Roderick 1145 at Peace Lutheran Church. The bus will leave by 1125. Army confirmed.
-13 June Honor Guard needed at Coloma Cemetery at 1300.
-20June Honor Guard Salute for AF Veteran George Price at Lakeview Cemetery. The bus departs at 1030 for the 1100 ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery. The AF has confirmed support.
-29une 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.
-3July:10 large parking cones needed to reserve area for post helpers, porta-potties, tent, cooking, etc.,
-On Motion of Bruce Thatcher, properly seconded, the Members approved the purchase of 10 large traffic cones at $30 a piece.

**SAL Events**
-Planning Quilt raffle/auction, License applied for 1 May 2024.

**Aux Events**.
- Per Mary Fitzgerald: July 4 parade, also thinking about possible fundraiser for this fall.
-Copier replacement revised proposal. On 6May Aux requested AL to pay $1,075 they view as a credit from prior transaction. “The check which Treasurer Pacwa writes to the Legion will be for $1,366.00”. Aux check should be for $1,336.00, a shared expense with the AL. Sean asked to review the contract including terms/conditions. $1,200 was raised for Michigan veterans.

**Other Business**
-Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement proposal, expense of approximately $4,700 to be split between AL, Aux and SAL.
-Clubroom sound reduction - no action
-Service flagpole rope.
-Auto Zone debit card status.
-Maintenance: none.
-Steve Hamilton offered an idea about buying drink chips to be purchased by members at $3 a piece. The chips cost $1.10 a piece to manufacture. The late Jim Montgomery and Stanley Wakefield would be featured on the chips. On Motion of Larry Girard, properly seconded, the members approved purchasing 100 chips at a cost of $110.
-The Legion has purchased 2 tickets for the South Haven Chamber of Commerce dinner held on 9 June, 2 attendees from the Legion to be determined. Tickets are in the safe.

**Next meetings**
-Membership Mtg 1900 6 June.
-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 27 June.

**2024 Holidays and Observances**
**-Jun:** Thursday Jun 6 D-Day, Friday Jun 14 Army Birthday (12 Noon), Flag Day, Sunday Jun 16 Father's Day, Wednesday Jun 19 Juneteenth.
**-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:** MondaySep 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 Nov 11 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, Wednesday 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 5:17 pm.

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