AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes
3Sep2020

Commander Jason Turner conducted **Opening Ceremonies** starting at 1900 and ordered roll call.

Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, **2nd Vice Cmdr Guy Cherry, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Trustee Tom Dryer, Trustee Willie Reinhardt,Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Bruce Thatcher, Member Marty Welker, Member Leo Forry (sp?)**
Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present ?

Reading of last meeting minutes. 6Aug2020 minutes approved as written

Introduction of guest(s): New AL member Leo Flory, a transfer from Post 309 and new South Haven resident introduced himself and quickly volunteered for Color/Honor Guard duty. Welcome Leo !

Committee reports

1. **Finance**: report approved as summarized below
   - Budget. Aug27 account status: $ 77,394.72 total funds available.
   - Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -$4,850.67, Feb2020 $4,292.82, Mar2020 -$8,775.42, Apr2020 -$12,001.36, May -$10,521.76, June -$ 4,888.43, July $4,148.85

2. **Adjutant**: report approved as summarized below
   -Currently at 37% vs 50% target.
   -4 new Membership applications passed around for member review

3. **Service Officers**.
   -Steve and Larry reported veteran emergency financial support of $412 taken from SAL account, Bluewater person being scheduled for VA assistance, another member meeting scheduled for review, BCVA Bldg 39 claim being reviewed, veteran transportation to Battle Creek VA by Jason.
   -Gary Easterling's next visit still on hold, to be rescheduled at a later date.

4. **Club Operations.**
   - Club open to public 4, 5, 11, 19 Sept. Covid EO 160 limits groups to 10 people or less inside club which limits events scheduled hall rentals to large groups. Outside limit remains 100 people. Masks must be worn.
   - Committee recommendations: Heather resumes “lead bartender” responsibilities as Club Manager.
   - 30Aug breakfast responsibility assigned to the Children’s Christmas Party sponsors with Terry Gregory leading.
   - King of Diamonds actions: contribute additional $200 start money and also issue tickets to breakfast/dinner leaders for sale during their events.
   - Convection Oven replacement funding approved at $4,706.06 with installation targeted for 21Sept. Aux plans to use profits from fish dinners to support purchase of new convection oven. SAL funding of approx one-third of total cost pending membership approval. AL responsible for gas line hook-up estimated at $250.
   - Sept and Oct 2020 calendars distributed for review.

5. **Family Meetings - AL**
   - 6Sept 11AM after action review scheduled at AL Post 49 by Bruce Thatcher to review 15 Aug ceremony.
   - **11Sept 2020** Patriots Day Event scheduled at the Legion and open to the public for 0830-0930 breakfast and 0955 memorial service celebration, with opening by Commander, prayer by Chaplain, Commander’s remarks, and 21gun salute led by Adj Tom Breen with ending at 1003. Uniform of day long sleeves, gold tie, gold braid.
   -1 Nov district meeting Post 49, Aux supports with luncheon.

6. **Family Meetings - SAL**
   -Sept 11 830-930 breakfast open to the public.

7. **Family Meetings - Aux**
-Membership meeting start time changed to 1730 vs 1800 and the agenda will be posted on the website.

Sick call None Reported.

Unfinished business
- Can/bottle deposit mining completed @ $2100, PhotoOp with Meijer TBD.
- 48 star flag funding of $746 funding complete. SAL $250 donation pending.

New Business
- Department Fall Conference in Flint cancellation
- Wilwin Lodge annual fundraiser 1300 12 Sep
- Facility: Ordnance Officer:
  -Picnic table top donation made. Mike also donated new picnic table for evaluation.Cost comparison TBD.
  -Club area ceiling replacement costs noted as $800 for tiles not including track cleaning/painting.
  -A/C covers recommended for purchase.
  -Harold Bennett will install auto flush sensors on urinals free of charge.

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-Thanks to AL member Bruce Thatcher for his organization of very successful salute to citizen heroes, veterans.
-19Sep Janosky event, 1100 City Hall special use permit submitted for dedication and 21gun salute, open to public. Hooligan flyover and related $450 cost approved with funding initially taken from Veteran's account and reimbursed through donations over the next 2 months.

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Communication & Donations
- Hanna Palmer is currently on active service, recipient of care package from SAL when on duty in Afganistan and will also be awarded the "Greatful Appreciation" medal and certificate for her service.
-Stan Wakild's family donated $200 to AL Post 49.

Next meetings
- Membership Mtg 1900 1Oct
- Club Operations Com 1530 24 Sept, Exec Comm Mtg 1600,Family Mtg 1745 after "King of Diamonds" drawing.
- 4th District Mtgs: September 13, 2020 @ Dorr Post 127, Nov 01, 2020 @ South Haven Post 49

Memorial to a departed post member None reported

For The Good of The American Legion.
-AL Membership and Exec.Com Mtg minutes posted on website (meeting minutes tab).
-Significant events posted on AL website homepage and also on Facebook. Event calendar updated on regular basis.
-September days to celebrate: 9/11 Patriot Day 11 Sept., USAF Birthday 18 Sept., Air National Guard Birthday 18 Sept., National POW/MIA Recognition Day 18 Sept., Gold Star Mothers Day 27 Sept.

Closing. The Commander conducted closing ceremonies and ended the meeting at 2020.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49