6 FEB 2025 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

After the Opening ceremony was conducted, Commander John Barkley called the 6 FEB 2025 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 Jason Mayer, 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, 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 2 JAN 2024 reviewed/**approved** on motion of Larry Girard,(as amended to reflect that a motion was made to review by-Laws instead of review recommended), properly seconded, on voice vote.

Committee reports

1. Finance.

-Account status:Per Seanl, $160,053.21 30Dec vs $199,335.13 4Jan2025, $195,850.81 5Dec2024

-Quickbooks:$ 26,825.88 loss Dec2024 (incl. $16,300 breakfast distribution payout and $6,700 memorial brick payment) vs $11,887.79 loss Nov2024 vs $13,081.53 loss Jan2025.

-Finance Report motion for approval was made by Jim McCloughan, properly seconded, was approved by the members, subject to Audit.

-SAL funds available: Approx. $30,779.90

- Aux funds available: Approx. $27,623 incl. $10,000 “for ADA improvements plus $6,579.99 BankCD.

2. Adjutant

-Membership as of 12 Feb 2025: 32 new, 47 PUFL, 499 Renewals, 6 Transfers = 584/667 or 87.56 %. Goal by 2-12-25 was 85%, Next goal 90% by 3-12-25.

-3 new member applications were circulated, a motion to approve new members and the Adjutant’s report was made by Jim McCloughan, properly seconded, was approved by the members.

3. Service Officers report Jason Mayer reported that he was just approached by a Veteran for

- Assistance with some VA forms. On motion of Bruce Thatcher, properly seconded, his report was approved by the members. .

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

-Icebreakers report out and feedback. Emily and her staff received recognition for direct support of the event. Emily’s planning resulted in record revenue and profit. Sieg Freitag, Mike Andrich and their wives were also recognized for their support of the entire event.

-Feb/Mar2025 calendars updated with special/OTP events.

-Quote for shredding old Post 49 doc’s greater than 7 years solicited from SH UPS, West MI Shredding, other(?) vs burning (Jason Mayer) TBD..

-Kitchen range repair completed.

-Contract to clean club, mtg. room floors, carpet area ($585, $795, $30) timing.

5. AL Events

-Storage area house cleaning

-2025 holidays

6.SAL Events

-Planning St. Patrick’s day corn beef/cabbage dinner 17Mar 1700-1930.

7. Aux Events
-Selling Dept raffle tickets for 5June2025.
-Paid $1,500 scholarship sponsored by AL Post 49 Aux (Patti Sheehy)

Old Business
-Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement survey update.
-Clubroom sound reduction. Wall panels mounted in high bay area and subjective feedback from Aux members is that area “more quiet”.
-Landscape leveling proposal plan approved and waiting funding. Internal (ADA levels of accessibility) improvements funding TBD.
-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects TBD.
-Fund raising brainstorming in process (Jason Turner, Angela Ely, Mary Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzbaker, Gerry Durkee, John Barkley). Next mtg TBD.
-Electrician installation of LED lighting inside the cooler is complete.
-Front Door closing assist hardware replaced by Harold Bennett replaced.
-Plumbing issue in mens room
was resolved.

Other/New Business
-Commander reviewed and discussed 2019 MVGP and Bylaws as posted on "Edward W Thompson" Post 49 website.
-Donations to Post 49 Status were also reviewed and published in Matrix format.
-Pictures from events: Our photos from Wreaths Across America event were published in State Mag.

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Steve Hamilton, Sieg Freitag, Chuck Aubrey.

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

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 6Mar2025.
-Exec Com Mtg 1600 27Feb2025
-Fourth District Service officers training at 11:00 am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Meetings 1:30 pm: 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, 19Apr Childrens Easter at Post 49, 20Apr Easter Sunday, 21Apr Patriots' Day, 24Apr Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day,

Jim McCloughan reported on events he participated in during the recent inaugural in Washington DC.

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2045..

Respectfully Submitted,
Adjutant Bob Dargis, American Legion Post 49