REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

American Legion Post #49 Edward W. Thompson Post #49 Thursday Aug 4, 2011 7 p.m.

Colors in place, hand salute, Chaplain prayer,Pledge of allegiance/POW-MIA Remembrance/Preamble

ROLL CALL: Cmdr Bob Heavin P, 1st Vice John Lammert P, 2nd Vice Kevin Ferguson, P Adj Paul Hogan P, F.O. Dennis Barton P, S.O. Roxanne Resmer P Chaplain Val Beer A, Sgt. At Arms Stan Wakild EA, Historian Jim Montgomery P, Judge Adv. Vacant. Also present: members Vern Harsch, Don Sinkler, Terry Craft, Dick Kennedy.

Daping of our charter: In memory of comrades Don Marr and Ted Kozlowski.
Dave Johnson, Manager South Haven Airport & John VanDerben of the Yankee Air Force museum passed out flyers selling rides for $400 a piece on a B-25 bomber on the 14th. The Post will sell lottery tickets for $10.00 and if $400 worth is sold one will be drawn for a ride. Any profits going to the Veterans Wall project.

Review 7/7/11 Memb. Mtg. Minutes: Motion: Dennis to approve 2nd by Don **Approved**
Review 7/28/11 Board Minutes: Motion: Vern to approve 2nd Kevin **Approved**

Finance Officer Report: Op. Act.39,832.87/Bldg Fund1,697.04/PTA 4,581.54/Breakf. Fund 7,403.23/Memb.Act. 3,946.33/Vet Act.1,016.27/Unif. Act.1,358.19/C.C. 242.00/Loan 247,693. Dennis announced he will be negotiating a new loan with a fixed interest rate versus our L.O.C. (Sturgis Bank) which recently the interest rate jumped from approx..3% to 6% which is a typical rate for construction projects. Motion to approve report by Vern 2nd by Dick **Approved**
(New) Finance Committee Report: (Vern, Dennis, Jim) None
Veterans Wall Committee Report: Slight erosion problem on the east end, City's responsibility.
Adjutant Membership update: 198 (2012) renewals have been processed; 33 new members.

New Members Approved: Raymond Riordon/Neil Mead/Harry Minnear/Anthony Goodman/David Armock/Wes Stephens/Jack Cody/William Growden/Loren Haverkamp/ Steven Eberhard/Grey Parrish/Carl Waldorf/Richard Tracy/Bob DeVisser. DD-214's provided supporting qualifications. Motion by Dennis to approve 2nd by Don **Approved**
Old Business: Parking lot will be resealed next week.

New Business: (1) Summerfest 2011 and Veterans Wall Dedication set for Sept. 4th 1PM (see Bob or Paul or flyer for particulars). **(2)** Executive Comm. elected Keri Montgomery to fill remainder of Chuck Moerke's term on Board (2011-12).
Donations and SAL Report: None **Sick Call:** George Bartholomew – short hospital visit

For the good of the American Legion: (1) #49 awarded the 4th Dist Chloe Neil unit citation for having greatest increase in members for 2011 **(2)** Bob and Paul took a band again and $1,062 (pizza sales) to the Battle Creek VA picnic July 16th. **(3)** Honor Guard needs volunteers.

Chaplain Prayer/Salute the Flag of our Country, adjourned 7:50PM

Respectfully Submitted: Paul Hogan, Adj.