

5Aug2021 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 5Aug2021 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1905 and conducted the opening ceremony, followed by the order of business.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Judge Advocate Earl Lash, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Leo Flory, Member Josh Gunneson, Member Rudy Rodrigaz, Member Marty Melkar, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Guy Cherry. Member Steve Walther, SAL Chaplain John Michael McCormack
Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present.

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 1July2021 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: SAL Chaplain John McCormack.

Committee reports

1. **Finance:** Report summarized below and approved subject to audit.

- Account status for 5Aug2021 \$126,165.28 including \$5268.48 BankCD. Target Balances for each Account was also presented and totaled \$127,000.
- Quickbooks: June2021 net operating income of \$7,168.59 was reported and included approx.\$ 6,583 poppy sales revenue.
- SAL current total funds available as of 13July were \$16,660.91, including \$3,442 for Children's Christmas.
- Aux current total funds available \$10,700 24 June

2. **Adjutant - Membership:**

- Membership update: Tom received 620 2022 AL Post 49 membership cards and reported a discrepancy with current Department numbers.
- Paperwork for 34 new members circulated for review and approval. Josh recognized for recruiting several.

3. **Service Officers.** Steve reported:

- Working with one new veteran referred by the local VFW Post who is now working in the area but requires short term relief. \$600 spending was authorized for meals, fuel card and approx one week hotel stay. Steve also asked to solicit shared funding from VFW.
- A visit to Post 49 will be scheduled in the near future with Gary Easterling.
- Guy Cherry and Steve Hamilton traveled to Detroit to meet with AL Department Veterans Services Officer Scott Weaver to solicit additional information and support. Scott's phone number is 313-964-6640 and email address is scott.waever@va.gov.

4. **Club Facilities and Operations Committee**

- August and Sept calendars not distributed but both posted in display case inside the front door.
- Club open to public 24July, 13/14Aug including 21Aug for traditional Salute to Veterans, Citizen Heros. Please contact Heather with additional open-to-public specific suggestions.
- ATM now up/operating.
- Pull tab machine down time/occurrences noted. Heather asked that all malfunctions be reported to her so that she can instruct restart process and log downtime occurrences.
- Overserving awareness discussion. All members were asked to watch for potential over serving signs and communicate observations to the bartender for corrective action. Our bartenders are trained to look for signs of overconsumption and they ask for our support when they take specific actions to address potential problems.

5. AL Events

- Flag folding tutorial will be scheduled by Steve
- Josh reported that Afghanistan memorial and display team planning is in process.
- 20Aug salute to Vet's, first responders 1800 at Masonic Temple. 21Aug salute to Vet's, first responders 1200. Flyover planned and Bruce Thatcher suggested that attendees should bring noise makers to the event.
- Paint the tank/cannon. Paint quote for tank \$1149, field gun TBD. Sandblasting(Great Lake Mobile Blasting):tank \$11,000 and 1 week, field gun \$7,500 and 5 days. Sandblasting (Morris & Morris) \$12,000. Paint stripping costs more than expected. Bruce Thatcher investigated chemical rust treatments. Mike used the rust inhibitor spray on two areas of the tank as a test. Touch up paint will be applied as a further test.

6. Family Meetings - SAL Events

- Steak dinner Thursdays 5-730P through 9Sept
- Video tape of our next Americanism event being planned for 17/18 Sept at St Basils and Glenn school.

7. Family Meetings - Aux

- Legion Post beautification – purchased flowers for planters (\$200.00), bed landscaping and flower planter maintenance (3 members work 2 hours each week).
- Poppy sale supported by 6 Auxiliary members raising approximately \$1400, will organize next year
- Cemetery flag placement supported May 10th at Lake View Cemetery, 8 Aux members, 20 hours
- Sunday Breakfast - 1st Sunday of the month and supported May 25th breakfast serving 253 people
- Friday fish fry – Fish fry June 25, 2021, served 69 dinners

Sick call - John Walleth, Larry Smith, Dick Cavanaugh, Carl Dials, Randy Ellis, Paul Middleton and Mike Holly

Unfinished business

- “War on Terror” meeting room display space reported to be in process.
- JATO Rocket display ideas are still needed.
- Patriot's Garage status: Have received State tentative approval for 501C status but Federal IRS approval still in process.

New Business

- 7Nov AL Quarterly District meeting planned with lunch served by the Aux. Members encouraged to attend.

Communication & Donations



SAL Chaplain John Michael McCormack attended the 5Aug2021 AL Membership Meeting and presented a donation from VALOR to the American Legion.

Cmdr. Jason Turner and Finance Officer Tom Dryer are shown receiving the VALOR check from John Michael.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 2Sept.
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 30Sept

Memorial to a departed post member .

Prior (1996-1999) Post Commander Vern Harsch recently passed, funeral at Post 49 on 10 Aug21, picture placed on the bar

For The Good of The American Legion.

Purple Heart Day Aug 7, National Suicide Prevention Month-Sept, V-J Day (Victory over Japan) Sept 2, Labor Day Sept 6, Patriot Day Sept 11, Citizenship Day/Constitution Day Sept 17, National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept 17, Air Force (USAF) Birthday Sept 18, Gold Star Mother's Day Sept 26, VFW Day Sept 29, U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday Oct 13, Halloween Oct 31, Marine Corps Day/Birthday Nov 10, Veterans Day Nov 11, Armistice Day Nov 11, Thanksgiving Day Nov 25, U.S. National Guard Birthday Dec 13, National Wreaths Across America Dec 18, Christmas Day Dec 25, Kwanzaa Dec 26–Jan 1, New Year's Eve Dec 31.

Post Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 1955.

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