

26 OCT 2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 26Oct2023 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, 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 Addressi, 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, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Member Jim Montgomery, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Member Josh Gunnison, Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.**

Award Presentation none

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 28Sep2023 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Josh Gunnison, 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.

Business

- Account status: \$229,783.92 vs. \$230,437.36 26Sept vs. \$228,027.70 28Aug2023
Per Sean Russell, some bank signatures will need to be submitted /changed with death of Tom Dryer.
- Quickbooks: \$9,891.25 vs. \$12,362.67 Sep2022 .
- SAL current total funds available: approximately \$9,000 per Earl Lash.
- Aux current total funds available: \$27,665.96 + \$6,418.87 CD
- AL Account status and Aug2023 quickbooks summary were approved.
- Club Operations Committee recommendations:
 - Per Earl Lash, bar stools will be ready in 10-12 days, to be picked up by Earl. Hope to sell existing at \$25 each, Chuck Aubrey to purchase 4.
 - Pay for use individual drink station has been well received per Emily..
- 11 NOV 2023 MOH memorial reception /dedication open to public license has been applied for. We were advised by Earl Lash that Raffle Licenses need not be applied for if the raffle and items sold all occur on the same day, Emily to verify. Commander noted items that were available for auction.
- Stealheaders meeting moved up from Nov 16 to Nov 9, 12-2PM.

AL Events

- 22Oct Breakfast revenue \$1,223 + \$76 donations
- 29 Oct Halloween party for kids, 1-3pm.
- 29Oct Breakfast support. Teaming with new Lions, they may take 5th Sundays in the future.
- 30 OCT Services for Tom Dryer at Filbrandt Chapel, Service at 12 for those who want to attend, those HG not attending meet at the Legion at 11:45 to load up and go to Filbrandt for approximate 12:30 shoot
- 5 Nov Sunday 8:00 am, Floor cleaning work session discussion., help needed.**
- 11 Nov Marine Corp. Birthday ownership claimed by Larry Girard for 1700 cake cutting

SAL Events

-Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving dinner, 19 Nov, 12-2 pm, eat-in, take-out. Help Needed, prep starting on 16 Nov to break-down turkeys.

Aux Events.

- Small stuffed animals being collected in a box in clubroom for donation to local families by first responders.
- Need current periodicals (magazines) for local nursing homes. Drop off prior to mtg.
- Supporting ongoing local luncheon visits from South Haven nursing home Veterans.
- "hospice of holland" asking for volunteers to meet/talk with terminally ill veteran patients. To volunteer, call Jody Correa at 616-355-5514 or email volcoor@hollandhospice.orgHospice support.
- Answering the call for 19Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner desert donations.

Other Business

- Jim McCloughan memorial dedication discussion - Veterans Day, 11Nov2023., Stone work prep has been done, granite is on its way here. Per BruceThatcher, fly over support will not be available unfortunately. He also advised regarding 5 Nov at Mendall Center, 11-5 pm.
- Law Officer and Firefighter of the year submissions 8Jan2024, Teacher of the Year 1April2024 update.
- Three Rivers Post 170 donation request for \$5,000 to support payment for new well at total cost of approx \$12,000. On motion of Willie Rienhardt, properly seconded, a donation of \$1,000 was approved. Some discussion regarding having 170 work future breakfasts if they wanted more of a donation, possible loan to them also discussed as alternative.
- End of year bonus discussion/recommendation for club manager, bartenders: \$200 for each bartender here less than 3 years, \$250 for each bartender here more than 3 years. \$400 for Emily, Heather excluded this year.
- Wreaths Across America program continued this year, 2023 .
- Other Business, our engraved brick process is being refined. D-Best to be asked for quote on expanding existing brick memorial area with 2 additional rows.
- Josh Gunnison suggested we consider purchase of Ham radio equipment for emergency preparedness. By Laws in place already allow for this, licensing of several individuals would likely be required. Further discussion needed.
- Childrens' fishing pole donations needed. Bring new fishing pole to 25Nov dinner and receive free dinner..
- \$100 donation from member Robert Selig to go to McCloughan Memorial fund.
- SAL looking at funding Christmas for Guy Cherry family. Fundraiser/Dinner for them here 25 NOV.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 5Oct2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 26Oct

Next 2023 days to celebrate

Oct: U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday Oct. 13, Post 49 Halloween Childrens Party Oct. 28, Halloween Oct. 31

Nov: Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 5, Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10, 5:00 pm, Veterans Day Nov. 11, Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 19, Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23 post closed.

Post commander: declared meeting adjourned at 1740.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Dargis,
Adjutant for American Legion Post 49