

## **30 NOV 2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Post Commander John Barkley called the 30 NOV 2023 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.,**  
**Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.**

**Award Presentation** none

**Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes-** 26 OCT 2023 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Earl Lash, 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:\$230,174.06 26Nov vs. \$229,783.92 26 Oct vs. \$230,437.36 26Sept
- Quickbooks \$1,062.74 Oct2023 vs. \$ \$ 3,771.24 Oct2022, as explained by Sean Russell.  
Willie Reinhardt suggested we place some of our excess cash into CD to draw interest, some discussion as to how much.
- SAL current total funds available: \$11,904.41 14Nov2023
- Aux current total funds available: \$27,665.96 + \$6,418.87 CD
- Club Operations Committee recommendations:
  - Breakfast recommendation payout from Heather and Emily: approx \$7200 to each Aux, KoC and SAL.
  - Dec2023 Calendar review was reviewed and explained by Emily Fitzbaker.
  - Possible breakfast for Icebreaker festival in Feb was discussed, concern about conflict with VFW.

### **AL Events**

- 7 DEC 2023 honor Guard needed at 11:30 for Pearl Harbor ceremony.
- Wreaths Across America 2023 16Dec wreath laying and salute 12noon at Bangor Arlington (bus leaves at 1100), return to Lakeview for wreath laying for at least 175 grave sites.
- Remove Christmas decorations from storage by 2Dec to support 16Dec Children's Christmas Party as requested by Santa's Party Program Manager, Shelley Ammerman.

### **SAL Events**

- Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving dinner, 19 Nov, 12-2 pm, eat-in, take-out we were advised that more than 200 were served.
- 25 NOV 2023 fundraiser for Cherry family raised about \$500, 17 fishing poles received.

### **Aux Events.**

- Cherry Family will be on AUX Christmas gift list.
- Update as to Quilt making and possible shrink wrap of TIKI bar.

### **Other Business**

- End of year bonus checks for club manager, bartenders written, sign card at mtg.
- Donation checks being written/sent by YE except boys state, baseball.
- Volunteer found to accompany Mark Custer and service dog Piper from Village View Senior Apartments, 899 Bailey Ave to Bronson Lakeview Hospital, Paw Paw MI. at 1000 15Jan on Van Buren Twp transport and returning after colonoscopy procedure.
- Checks to be issued to AUX for Friday dinners and for Children's fund.

### **Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 7Dec2023.
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 28Dec

### **Next 2023 days to celebrate**

**Dec.** Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 7, Hanukkah Dec. 7–15, National Guard Birthday Dec. 13, Post 49 Children's Christmas Party Dec. 16, National Wreaths Across America Dec. 16, Christmas Day Dec. 25, Kwanzaa Dec. 26 – Jan. 1, New Year's Eve Dec. 31

### **Finding No further actions to come before this meeting**

**Post commander:** "I now declare this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 adjourned."

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