

1June2023 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 1June2023 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1901, conducted the opening ceremony and business meeting as summarized below.

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Richard Ely, Post 68 Member Frank Thompson, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Dan Gomez, Member Josh Gunnison, Member Sieg Freitag, Member Marty Welker, Member Guy Cherry, Member Paul Hegelson, Member Don Feutz, Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None present

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 4May2023 reviewed/**approved** as published.

Committee reports

1. Finance.

- Account status \$171,748.83 31May2023
- Quickbooks: Mar2023 loss of \$4,529.34
- SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$11,000
- Aux current total funds available approx \$23,200 +\$6,339 CD.
- Motion approved by Members to transfer \$12,000 from KENO and \$6,000 from Pull Tab to General Operating account.
- Discussion/complaints about late quickbooks summary availability ended with recommendation to investigate how to accelerate the process.
- Financial audit will be scheduled in the near future by the new AL Finance Officer.
- It was noted that most donations from the legion to veterans and non-profit organizations were made from the General Operating account versus debits to other accounts.
- Finance report approved** (subject to audit)

2. Adjutant - Membership:

- 1June membership dues payment status: New 64, PUFL 38, Renewals 491, transfers 2, total 593 of 631 goal or 93 vs target of 95%. May17 target 100%. 5 new member applications received, circulated, approved. **Adj report approved.**

3. Service Officers.

- Larry and Steve directly supporting local veteran and also interfacing with Van Buren Co.Veterans Service Officers Dave Krzycki and Dennis Urquhart.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Remainder of Kitchen Cleaning is TBD at a total cost of \$1200. Aux confirmed but withholding \$400 cleaning funding contribution/reimbursement to AL pending receipt of bill.
- Third Friday dinners will be managed by club staff and volunteers. Profits will be used to support children's events, similar to last year.
- May-Oct sourcing of two fifth Sundays will be managed by Hartford AL and two fifth Fridays TBD..
- June/July 2023 Calendars available.
- Rich Ely helping maintain the Post 49 website calendar. Angela Ely helping update facebook website.
- New easy clean solid surface floor mat in place behind the bar in the clubroom.
- Mtg room special setup is responsibility of meeting organization leaders.
- Light up the Lake 3July2023 support requirements discussion.

5. AL Events

- SHFD fire extinguisher training was canceled again and will be rescheduled for early fall.
- 28May Breakfast earned \$4,109 revenue from sales of 415 breakfasts and \$136 tips to be reserved for the Jim McCloughan memorial
- 29May Memorial Day parade and ceremonies at Lakeview, McDowell, Stephenson, Chambers and Covert Cemeteries completed successfully. Only one issue was reported at the start of the parade.
- 14June Flag Day ceremony 1130 with scouts followed by 1200 Army birthday celebration.

6. SAL Events

- SAL will continue Thursday dinners June-October.
- Officers installed 9May2023: Brett Novy-Commander, Earl Lash-1st Vice Commander, Carl Smith-2nd Vice Commander, Paul Middleton-Chaplin, Gerald Durkee-Finance Office, James Baldwin-Adjutant, Ronald Sinkler-Historian, Josh Gunneon-Sergeant at Arms, Lucas Hale-3 Year Trustee, Jason Berry-2 Year Trustee
- Presented: \$2,000 check to Primal Outfitters (from AL), \$5,000 check to Operation Injured Soldier (from SAL) for SH Steelheaders Veterans Salute.

7. Aux Events

- New Aux 2023,4 officers installed 4May: Sergeant at Arms Billie Coone, Chaplain Vicki Reid Olson, Treasurer and Secretary Susie Pacwa, President Mary Fitzgerald, Vice President Linda Teeter, Historian and Poppy Chair Patti Sheehy. Order shown appears in website photo (Aux tab).
- Poppy Days 2023 Patti Sheehy's preliminary report: earned more than \$11,000 with more than 3,000 unsold poppies. Constraint was volunteers/time.

Regular Meeting Suspended for installation of 2023/4 AL Post 49 Officers: Commander John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Chaplain Larry Girard, Sgt at Arms Sieg Freitag, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry. Finance Officer Sean Russell not present and will be installed at earliest convenience. In addition, four other trustees will continue in office (until term expires): Bruce Thatcher (2024), Patrick Whitlatch (2024), Chuck Aubrey (2025), Willie Reinhardt (2025).

The regular meeting called to order at 1945.

New/Other Business

- Donations made update summary:
 - Tunnels to Towers, additional \$11/month or \$132/year. Total now \$528/year.
 - Saint Basil Catholic School (Booster Club Event) \$500 for teaching supplies.
 - South Haven Harborfest 2023 \$500 for advertising add, support.
- Request to donate \$5,000 to Primal Outfitters was tabled for a subgroup discussion and further review next Exec Com Mtg for recommendation to next member meeting
- North side lawn leveling to insure safe walkability with hard surface option: Plan/top view drawing with feature content available for markup.
- Jim McCloughan memorial dedication target - Veterans Day 2023
- Maintenance items-none discussed
- SAL \$5,000 donation to Operation Injured Soldier to support Steelheader's Veteran Salute presented.
- Capital Spending list distributed, introduced.

Communication & Donations (to/from AL) None

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 6July2023

-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 29June2023

Memorial to a departed post member none

Sick Call: Please keep Tom Dryer, Jim Neely in your thoughts & prayers:

For The Good of The American Legion. 2023 days to remember:

June: D-Day June 6, Women Veterans Day June 12, Army Birthday June 14, U.S. Flag Day June 14,
Father's Day June 18, PTSD Awareness Day June 27

July: Independence Day July 4, National Hire A Veteran Day July 25, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
July 27, National Buffalo Soldiers Day July 28, Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary July 29

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2020.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Bob Dargis, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49