

23Feb2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 23Feb2023 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1603, 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 Tom Dryer, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer John McCormack, 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, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Reed Olson.

Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) **present.**

Previous Meeting Minutes dated 26Jan2023 reviewed/approved

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 management of the post, and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Business

- Current account status approved as shown below:

-Account status \$165,498 20Feb2023 for 23Jan2023 Exec Com Mtg

-Quickbooks: Dec2022

-SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$11,000

-Aux current total funds available approx \$21,378

-Motion approve to accept finance report (subject to audit)

-Club Operations Committee recommendations

-Kitchen Cleaning support plan-reviewed separately in earlier meeting to agree on scope of outsourcing vs volunteer work.

-Ice-Breakers report out: total revenue \$10,000 and gross margin TBD

-Charitable Gaming License suggestion. Investigation TBD

-Mar2023 Calendar reviewed and copies available at club entrance.

-Current list of planned open to public liquor license days includes: Memorial Day, Harbor Fest, Light-Up the Lake, Blueberry Festival, Labor Day, Salute to Veterans, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, New Years Eve Party.

-Collection box for small stuffed animals for SH PD/FD first responders to give to children will be placed inside the club room beneath the bulletin board per Linda Teeter..

AL Events

-5Feb breakfast about 90 customers and approx \$1,000 revenue and will put an ad in brochure next year.

-22Feb membership payment status: New 53, PUFL 38, Renewals 448, transfers 1, total 540 of 631 goal or 85.57 % vs mid Feb. goal of 85% !

SAL Events

-Steve rescheduling 22Feb visit to Battle Creek to host Trivia game, prizes

-Planning St. Patrick's Day corned beef cabbage dinner 18March.

-Planning Hawaii theme based dinner in near future for SAL past Commanders .

Aux Events

-Poppy Days 2023 – Patti Sheehy chair, Shannon will co-chair. Poppy production planned early March.

-CPR/Basic First Aid Class at Glen School on May 17 @5:30. 3 hours/\$25. Class limited in size. If enough interest and class fills up, will plan a second class. Contact: Jamie Walle at: Jamie.Walle@Glenn.School

-2023 Donations:

-South Haven Helping Hands is a year round cause. Needs include new men/ladies socks & underwear

- Baseline School – feminine products donated – (Linda Teeter – chair)
- AUX member's son serving overseas. Has requested golf balls.
- AUX Member is a Cozy Quilter. Group making quilts for disabled in a foster setting for 12+ years and in need of gently used sheets as backing for handmade quilts.
- Have made Girls State Sponsorship Commitment – SH HS, Bangor HS & Bloomingdale
- AUX Logo shirts coming soon – local vendor
- Lenten Fish Fry Fridays, Feb.24 – April 7
- May 10 – AUX social gathering for locals – no detail, but room reserved
- May 28 Poker Run

Other Business

- 2023 Memorial Day parade planning. Permit approved. Jim McCloughan will lead parade and accepted role as (back-up) speaker and vocalist for the event.
- DAR asking for Honor Guard support early May and Post 49 accepted honor guard/other support role(s) to honor American Revolution member and his direct descendant.
- \$83,340 quote received from Brian beBest for upper level, north side lawn leveling to insure safe walkability including hard surface option. Cost of the project will require fundraising and projected start early summer 2024. Vicki Reed Olson will support team and project communication to Aux. Although early in the planning process, received general consensus to move forward with the project/detail plan.
- Steve developed “Purple Heart” parking sign and will mount it below handicap sign adjacent to the central walkway.
- Prior (1970) Commander and Vietnam Combat Medic (1965-1967) Thomas “Dale” Estes, 77, of South Haven, Michigan passed away on 12Feb2023
- Maintenance items.Discussed: needs for repaving/enlarging parking lot as a possible future project,
- Earl asked to plan “Veteran Navigator” 0900-1600 7Sept meeting at Post 49.
- Bruce Thatcher will work with Emily and SHFD to coordinate fire extinguisher training at the post.
- District 4 8Jan2023 Meeting 2023 highlights
 - AL Baseball MI program plans to include women’s softball and coordination with Aux.
 - Efforts in process to allow Boys State attendees to earn college credits
 - Next District 4 meeting will be Sunday, 5March2023 at Stevensville's Post 568 with Lunch will starting at 1230 hrs, followed by meetings at 1330 hrs (1:30 PM). Make lunch RSVPwith Stevensville' s Aux. President, Jennifer Kickles at (269)313-1010, email jenniferkickles@gmail.com.
 - Will be discussing and taking initial nominations for 2023 - 2024 District Officers at 5March Mtg..
 - Considering Zoom Mtgs in future.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 2Mar2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 30Mar2023

2023 days to remember:

March:Hug a GI Day March 4, Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12, K-9 Veterans Day March 13, American Legion Birthday March 15, St. Patrick’s Day March 17, Medal of Honor Day March 25, Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29

April: Good Friday April 7, Easter April 9, Gold Star Spouses Day April 5,

May: National Day of Prayer May 4, VE Day May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 12, Mother’s Day May 14, Children of Fallen Patriots Day May 13, Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, Armed Forces Day May 20, Memorial Day May 29

Post commander John Barkley declared meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 Adjourned at about 1805.

Respectfully,

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