

25May2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 25May2023 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 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**, **Ordinance Officer Mike Andruch**, **Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker**, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald**, **Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Reed Olson**, **Member Jim Montgomery**, **Member Sieg Freitag**, **Member Guy Cherry**

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

Previous Meeting Minutes dated 27Apr2023 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

-Account status \$169,057.50 5May2023

-Quickbooks: Mar2023 loss of \$4,529.34 vs Mar2022 loss of \$4,534.09.

-SAL current total funds available approx. \$11,000.

-Aux current total funds available \$23,200 +\$6,339 CD.

-Motion to approve transfer \$10,000 from KENO and \$5,000 from Pull Tab to General Operating account
Approved and will be recommended for general membership approval.

-Club Operations Committee recommendations

-Emily scheduled Kitchen Cleaning at a total cost of \$1200. Aux waiting to see bill before paying \$400.

-Third Friday dinners will be managed by club staff and volunteers. Profits will be used to support children's events, similar to last year.

-Two fifth Sundays and two fifth Fridays occurring May-Oct sourcing by Emily.

-All Saturdays rented for the summer

-June2023 Calendars available.

-Rich Ely will help maintain the Post 49 website calendar. Angela Ely will help update facebook website.

-New easy clean solid surface floor mat in place behind the bar in the clubroom.

-Double door cooler located at Tiki Bar and additional 48in long by 18in deep by 12in high cabinet required for lockup.,

-Mtg room special setup is responsibility of meeting organization leaders.

-Light up the Lake 3July2023 support requirements.

AL Events

-The following nominees received the majority of votes for their specific offices and will be installed 1June2023: Commander John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Chaplain Larry Girard, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt at Arms Sieg Freitag, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry. In addition, four other trustees will continue in office (until term expires): Bruce Thatcher (2024), Patrick Whitlatch (2024), Chuck Aubrey (2025), Willie Reinhardt (2025).

-SHFD fire extinguisher training canceled again and will be rescheduled for early fall.

-28May Breakfast

-29May Memorial Day parade. Meet 0800 at Post to form up on Center Street. 3 cars: Jim Montgomery, Pat Doud, Brett Novy, Mary Fitzgerald driven by Linda Teeter.

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 the \$2,000 check to Primal Outfitters (from AL), \$5,000 check/donation to

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 chair has approx 8,000 poppies on hand for distribution 26May through 29May at locations shown on sign-up sheet
- Presented stuffed animals to SH first responders
- Aux shirts for sale
- May 28 Poker Run sponsor Susie Pacwa looking for auction items.

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.
- 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
- SAL \$5,000 donation to Operation Injured Soldier to support Steelheader's Veteran Salute
- Capital Spending list available for review.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 2June2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 29June

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

Post commander John Barkley declared meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 Adjourned at about 1715.

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