

26Aug2021 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 26Aug2021 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1603 and conducted the opening ceremony for the in-person meeting.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Judge Advocate Earl Lash, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Rudy Rodrigaz, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald or Auxiliary Vice President Linda Teeter ”

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

Meeting Minutes. “29 July2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” were distributed and approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members. None present

Business

-Account status for 26Aug2021 \$127,645.33 plus \$5268.48 BankCD. A motion made/approved to transfer \$6,700 from Pull Tab account to General account. The \$6,700 was “borrowed” from General account previously to pay for a new Pull Tab machine.

-Quickbooks: July2021 net operating income of \$13,222.50

-SAL current total funds available as of 10Aug \$14,105.10 regular and membership plus \$4,136.20 Christmas Fund.

-Aux current total funds available \$15,046.69

- Club Opn’s Sub Committee:

-Sept. Calendar dated 29July and Oct cal. dated 26Aug reviewed. Both calendars post inside display case at entrance and additional copies available from table inside the club area.

-Open license club days 4&5Sept.

-Overserving awareness discussion conducted with bartenders

-Current bar floor mats are hazardous. Motion to buy replacement 3’X10’ and 3’ X 5’ mats for up to \$600 plus shipping, handling approved for membership vote. Heather will also investigate if current rug cleaning service could supply/exchange bar mats at regular frequency as an alternative to our buying/cleaning and make recommendation for membership approval.

-AL vs. VFW membership clarification. Only members of same organization can offer reciprocal bar access, allowing all AL, SAL or Aux family members from any location to access Post 49 club benefits, but not members of VFW or other non-profit organizations. Note that this new understanding may also restrict AL member access to VFW clubs.

-Dinners/Breakfast commitments. If dinners/breakfasts are on the calendar, make them happen for the published time.

- AL Events

-Afghanistan memorial-still waiting on marble to arrive from India. Meeting room memorial proposal from Pat Whitlatch to build rack for kevlar helmet, body armor, boots, rifle model and dogtags was enthusiastically received. Pat intends to have dog tags produced for MI vet’s that died in War on Terror Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts.

-20Aug salute to Vet’s. 30 fishing boats supported 70 disabled vet’s Sat. fishing trip. 15 Vet’s who were able to join us at the Post also enjoyed a free Friday dinner and a drink of their choice.

Their return from a successful fishing trip was celebrated by a post 3-volley salute, taps and the Hooligan flying team flyover.

- SAL Events

- Next Americanism event being planned for 17Sept, 1000 salute at St Basils and 1115 salute at Glenn School. Please let Steve Hamilton know if you have color guard uniform needs to support this event.
- Steak fry dinners in progress every Thursday 1700-1930, Hamburger night second Friday of the month 1700-2000.
- SAL report out on exterior seating/landscaping master plan development postponed for future meeting.

- Aux Events

- Membership 639 including 49 new members for 2022
- Legion Post beautification – Ongoing landscaping work with team of volunteers
- Sunday Breakfast - 1st Sunday of the month. 1Aug sold 247 breakfasts. Next breakfasts scheduled for 5Sept and 3Oct 2021.
- Friday Fish Fry. July 23 fish fry served approximately 66 dinners plus approximately 21 pieces of fish sold with 31% cost of goods sold to create a \$534 deposit. 27Aug, 24Sep, 22Oct next scheduled fish fry Events.
- 7Nov District Meeting Luncheon support with menu of fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, veg., biscuits, homemade desert, coffee, water
- 30Oct Kids Halloween Party planned
- 11Dec Kids Christmas Party planned

- Other Business:

- SAL member Harold would like to replace front entrance exterior fascia in Oct for an estimated material cost of \$1,500-\$2,000 working with 2 other volunteers. This proposal was approved for presentation and approval at the membership meeting.
- Larry described and distributed a 3 page buddy check description from MI Dept. for our use in standardizing the buddy check language.
- 1Sep is the changeover to long sleeve shirts for Color/Honor guard dress.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 2Sept
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 30Sep

For the Good of the Legion:

- Please make “buddy check” calls/visits when and where possible

Next 2021 days to celebrate:

V-J Day (Victory over Japan) Sept 2, Labor Day Sept 6, **Patriot Day Sept 11**, Citizenship Day/Constitution Day Sept 17, National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept 17, Air Force (USAF) Birthday Sept 18, Gold Star Mother’s Day Sept 26, VFW Day Sept 29, **U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday Oct 13**, Halloween Oct 31, **Marine Corps Day/Birthday Nov 10**, **Veterans Day Nov 11**, Armistice Day Nov 11, Thanksgiving Day Nov 25, U.S. National Guard Birthday Dec 13, National Wreaths Across America Dec 18, Christmas Day Dec 25, Kwanzaa Dec 26–Jan 1, New Year’s Eve Dec 31.

Meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 adjourned at 1720.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49