

27Apr2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 27Apr2023 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 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, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Sieg Freitag, Member Rich Ely

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

Previous Meeting Minutes dated 30Mar2023 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 \$173,306.15 22Apr. vs. \$165,498 25March2023
- Quickbooks: Feb2023 profit of \$7,863.88
 - SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$11,000
 - Aux current total funds available approx \$24,525 + CD
 - Finance report approved(subject to audit)
- Club Operations Committee recommendations
 - Emily scheduled Kitchen Cleaning for completion by end of next week at a total cost of \$1200. Aux confirmed \$400 cleaning funding contribution/reimbursement to AL.
 - Pricing for regular May-Oct) breakfasts \$10, dinner prices will be based on menu costs (fish, Pizza \$12).
 - Third Friday dinners will be handled by club staff and volunteers. Profits will be used to support children's events, similar to last year.
 - The two fifth Sundays and two fifth Fridays occurring May-Oct will be sourced by Emily.
 - Requests for donations to local schools will be discussed during the Thursday member mtg.
 - May2023 Calendars available.
 - Pool table repairs. Pool table originally purchased by SAL group and Steve will discuss quotes to repair at the next SAL member meeting.
 - Current Bylaws state, "A single expenditure of up to \$750 may be made by the committee lead for immediate repair of building, infrastructure or major appliance as required." Replacement of bar glass washer and hot water heated will be completed in the near future.
 - New easy clean solid surface floor mat replacement design will be "piloted" to minimize cleaning issues after every breakfast/dinner. A cleaning/replacement service is also being investigated.
 - Post 49 Website renewal fee paid by Emily.

AL Events

- Membership Mtg: 4May Elections, 1June installation.
- Election ballot support/monitoring volunteers include Chuck, Bruce, Mike and Earl 1200-1900 4May2023
- Positions must be Identified in Post Bylaws among the ten (10) elected American Legion Officers: Cmdr., 1st Vice Cmdr., 2nd Vice Cmdr., Adjutant, Chaplain, Finance Officer, Sgt.at Arms, Service Officer(s), Historian, Judge Advocate and 6 Trustees, 2 of which are elected each year for a 3 year term.
- New Safe for armory procured by Sieg and delivered by Sieg/Mike. Sieg received a reimbursement check for his purchase expense along with a very big "Thank you" for taking on the review, selection and procurement process.
- SHFD fire extinguisher classroom training scheduled for 1700 (5PM) 1May2023 per Malina Alderman

- 5May Pizza night volunteers: Jim Addressi, Mike Andruch, Paul Helgeson, Bob Dargis, Angela and Rich Eby, Valerie McPeak, John Barkley
- Please call/email Mary Fitzgerald ASAP if interested in helping Aux with 7May breakfast.
- Memorial Day Flag placement support at Lakeview Cemetery 0900 8May
- Honor Guard support required for DAR Ceremony 1100 12May support at Thomas Cemetery, Bangor. The bus will leave the post by 1000.
- 21May 4th District 1230 luncheon and 1330 meeting planned at Post4. Support is TBD by Emily.
- 28May Breakfast support required to serve several hundred breakfasts as part of the "Poker Run"
- 29May2023 Memorial Day parade. Meet 0800 at Post to leave post and form up on Center Street

SAL Events

- SAL will continue Thursday dinners June-October.

Aux Events

- Poppy Days 26-29May2023: Patti Sheehy chair, Shannon will co-chair. Several thousand poppies completed to date and several thousand completed poppies on order from Flag and Emblem. Look for a sign-up sheet in the clubroom.
- Kitchen Cleaning being discussed
- Memorial Luncheon Support being discussed
- May 10 – AUX social gathering being planned.
- May 28 Poker Run sponsor Susie Pacwa looking for auction items.

Other Business

- Requests for donations to local schools will be discussed during the Thursday member mtg.
- 2023 Memorial Day parade planning continues with Jim McCloughan leading the parade again this year as well as being our guest speaker and vocalist for the event.
- Additional request for parade car for Mary Fitzgerald and driven by Linda Teeter reviewed with Paul Middleton earlier and approved by Jim McCloughan in meeting.
- Jim McCloughan memorial planning in process with Jason leading. Will have same size/color granite as Dewey memorial, wording approved and memorial graphics finalized. Funding support from SH businesses being considered.
- North side lawn leveling to ensure safe walkability Plan/top view drawing prepared and reviewed by Bruce Thatcher. Bruce encouraged others to add their ideas using tracing paper placed over the original top view.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 4May2023
- Club Operations Com. 1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 25May2023

2023 days to remember:

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

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

Post commander John Barkley declared meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 Adjourned at about 1820.

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