

29July2021 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 29July2021 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1605 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. “24 June 2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” were distributed previously and approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members. None present

Business

- Account status for 29July2021 \$105,954.72 plus \$5268.48 BankCD was noted but may have included a \$6,583 double entry for poppy sales that will be investigated
- Quickbooks latest summary: June2021 \$13,751.73 and included \$13,166 poppy sales line item vs actual \$6,583.
- SAL current total funds available 13July \$16,660.91 (incl \$3,442 Childrens Christmas Fund)
- Aux current total funds available approx \$10,700.

- Club Opn's Sub Committee:

- July-Aug2021 Calendars (dated 24June) distributed for review.
- Open to public 24July, 13/14Aug including 21Aug for traditional Salute to Veterans, Citizen Heros. Please contact Heather with additional open-to-public specific suggestions.
- ATM now up/operating.
- Pull tab machine down time/occurrences noted. Heather asked that all malfunctions be reported to her so that she can instruct restart process and log downtime occurrences.
- Overserving awareness discussion. All members were asked to watch for potential over serving signs and communicate observations to the bartender for corrective action. Our bartenders are trained to look for signs of overconsumption and they ask for our support when they take specific actions to address potential problems.
- A “poppy rule”: “Resolution 20 was passed during the Legion's recent National Executive Committee Spring Meetings to allow donations collected as of May 9, 2013, to not only assist veterans, but also active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs. Resolution 20 also states that poppy donations collected after May 9 can no longer be used toward Legion family volunteer travel, conferences or apparel. And a post, district or department can only use the funds as outlined in the resolution; they may not be used in a general funds account that's used for routine expenses.”

- AL Events

- Afghanistan memorial- no update
- 20Aug salute to Vet's, first responders 1800 at Masonic Temple. 21Aug salute to Vet's, first responders 1200. Hooligan flyover planned and Bruce Thatcher suggested that attendees should bring noise makers to event.

- SAL Events

- Video tape of our next Americanism event being planned for 17/18 Sept at St Basils and Glenn school.
- 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**

- Legion Post beautification – Ongoing landscaping work with team of volunteers
- Cemetery flags for Veterans – Brenda Dagget send thank you note on behalf of Cemetery Team
- Sunday Breakfast - 1st Sunday of the month. July 4 breakfast was the first self-serve since COVID restrictions. Went through more food than expected but did not run out. Did not see excessive food waste. August 1 breakfast team in place
- Friday Fish Fry – Next fish fry August 27, 2021 and prepared to serve 100. July 23 fish fry served approximately 73 dinners plus approximately 21 pieces of fish. Cost of goods sold is approximately 31%
- Other: August 1, September 5, October 3 Sunday Breakfasts
August 27, September 24, October 22 Friday Fish Fry
November 7 District Meeting Luncheon
Kids Halloween Party
December 11 Kids Christmas Party
Poppy Sales 2022

- **Other Business:**

- Paint the tank/cannon. Paint quote for tank \$1149, field gun TBD. Sandblasting(Great Lake Mobile Blasting):tank \$11,000 and 1 week, field gun \$7,500 and 5 days. Paint stripping costs more than expected. Bruce Thatcher investigated chemical rust treatments. Further investigation also required for process permits and environmental waste disposal. Project put on hold pending resolution of above concerns.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 5Aug
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 26 Aug

For the Good of the Legion:

- Funeral Services for Ivo Knapp, Post 49 member and WWII Army veteran, scheduled for noon on 31July
- Prior (1996-1999) Post Commander Vern Harsch recently passed and his picture was placed on the bar.
- Please make “buddy check” calls/visits when and where possible

Next 2021 days to celebrate:

Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary July 29, Purple Heart Day Aug 7,
National Suicide Prevention Month-Sept, 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 1705.

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