

30March2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 30March2023 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**, **Member Jim Montgomery**, **Member Seig Freitag**.

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

Previous Meeting Minutes dated 23Feb2023 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 \$165,498 25March2023 for 30March2023 Exec Com Mtg
- Quickbooks: Jan2023 Loss of \$6,485.90
 - SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$8,000 available
 - Aux current total funds available approx \$23,000 + CD 27March
 - Finance report approved (subject to audit)
- Club Operations Committee recommendations
 - Kitchen Cleaning support plan. Kitchen hood, fan duct work cleaning approved at \$650 with new supplier. \$550 quote for "deep cleaning" stovetop, wall, fryer and convection oven will be discussed with Aux.
 - Ice-Breakers profit, gross margin info not available
 - Pricing for regular breakfasts/dinners will be same/consistent for each group supporting unless change approved by Exec. Com, same process as used prior 6years. Special event dinner pricing will be determined by the host organization after competitive benchmarking, same process as used prior 6years.
 - Third Friday dinner profits will be used to support children's events, similar to last year.
 - Charitable Gaming License consideration placed on hold.
 - SHFD fire extinguisher training scheduled for 1700 (5PM) 1May2023.
 - Apr/May2023 Calendars reviewed
 - Pool table repairs. Pool table purchased by SAL group and Steve will solicit quote to repair.
 - Request to move one Handicapped parking space/sign from bartender parking area to east of main entrance approved.
 - Brush drink glass cleaner for bar use will be recommended for approval at membership meeting.
 - Kitchen dishwasher currently not a high priority in capital spending plan and will be revisited after feasibility reviewed.
 - New easier to clean solid surface floor mat replacement will be reviewed for purchase/trial to minimize cleaning issues.
 - Food trucks now approved for SH including our area and Emily will consider their use for future Post 49 event(s).

AL Events

- Membership Mtg: April Nominations, May Elections, June installation.
- 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 3 year term.
- Nominees must be member of Post in good standing, capable of performing responsibilities as

- described in Bylaws, willing to attend regular monthly Post 49 meetings and other special meetings as required and, capable of taking on other Duties as described by Post Commander
- Skills and Experience: Social, Team, Leadership skills; Program, project management skills; administrative and computer skills; Demonstrated Commitment to AL Post 49 Mission.
- 30March membership payment status: New 54, PUFL 38, Renewals 464, transfers 1, total 557 of 631 goal or 88.27 %, achieving the goal.
- Two 50 year membership certificates received and will be awarded Sunday, 2April2023.

SAL Events

- Planning Hawaii theme based dinner for 2April for SAL past Commanders.
- SAL will continue Thursday dinners May-October.
- 1400 14Apr local AL Post tour nearly sold out.

Aux Events

- Poppy Days 2023 – Patti Sheehy chair, Shannon will co-chair. Poppy production planned 1600-1900 4,7 and 13April.
- Kitchen Cleaning being discussed
- Memorial Luncheon Support being discussed
- Childrens Easter event being planned by Shelley Ammerman for 8April
- May 10 – AUX social gathering for locals – no detail, but room reserved
- May 28 Poker Run sponsor Susie Pacwa looking for auction items.

Other Business

- 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.
- Memorial Day Flag placement support at Lakeview recommended for 0900 8May
- Jim McCloughan memorial planning reviewed by Jason. Will have same size/color granite as Dewey, wording approved and memorial graphics finalized. Funding support from SH businesses being considered.
- DAR asking for Honor Guard support approved for 1100 12 May support at Thomas Cemetery, Bangor.
- \$83,340 quote received from Brian beBest for upper level, north side lawn leveling to insure safe walkability being compared to cement and decking options. Bruce will help us with top/plan view Model.
- May district meeting being rescheduled and the date is TBD.
- Honor Guard rifle fabric protective sleeves will be recommended for approval at Membership Mtg. Replacement safe being discussed.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 6Apr2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 27Apr2023

2023 days to remember:

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

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 1815.

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