

30Sep2021 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice Commander John Barkley called the 30Sep2021 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1601 and conducted the opening ceremony.

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**, **Ordinance Officer Mike Andruch**, Member Jim Montgomery, **Club Manager Heather Hahn**, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald** or Auxiliary Vice President Linda Teeter ”
Quorum (of at least 5 Legion members) **present**.

Meeting Minutes. “26 Aug2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” were distributed and approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members. None present

Meeting purpose reminder was highlighted: 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 for 30Sep2021 \$143,468.82 approved
- Quickbooks: Aug2021 net operating income \$15,229.81 vs July2021 income of \$13,222.
- SAL 14Sep2021 total funds available: \$15,865 plus \$4,800 Children’s Christmas Fund
- Aux current total funds available approx \$15,000.

- Club Opn’s Sub Committee:

- Calendar review for Oct/Nov2021, 25Nov Mtgs moved to 18Nov,
- Report out and recommendations from Club Opn’s Mtg
 - Open bar license days recommendations: 29Oct Halloween Party Party and 18Dec Christmas Party.
 - Food Handling Training update: The star student completed training, others procrastinating.
 - Kitchen matts replaced with grease resistant material.
 - \$7,218 cost for new Pull Tab machine transferred from Pull tab account to General Operating account
 - Bldg Insurance physical audit found 3 items to be corrected: replace ceiling tile in kitchen, CO2 bottles inspection required, SS barrier missing between stove and fryer. All completed or in process.
 - Oct last month for regular Breakfasts/Dinners.

- AL Events

- Afghanistan memorial-still waiting on marble to arrive from India. Meeting room memorial update not available.
- Friday 1Oct Americanism presentations to Glenn @1100, St Basil’s @1300
- 11Oct AL National Cmdr Paul Dillard (and party of six) visit agenda reviewed, Post members invited.
 - Post prep for 11Oct National Commander’s visit in process except front entrance Flag Pole
 - Willie Reinhardt will support with 8 six-foot round tables.
- 13Oct US Navy Birthday cake planned for noon at Post

- SAL Events

- Next Americanism event being planned for 1Oct, 1100 salute at Glenn, 1300 at St. Basils.
- Steve Hamilton invitation for Veterans Affairs Director Gary Easterling’s 12Nov 10AM Post visit. Heather asked to support with snacks, soft drinks and coffee. Steve also suggested we use appointment schedule.

- Aux Events

- Identifying project spending alternatives for Fish Fry proceeds(profits) announced at \$3,900 est. for year.
- 2021 AUX Contribution suggestions/recommendations being discussed, including 3 items on AL capital spending list (paint the flagpole \$1,500, exterior front entrance repair materials \$2,000, cooktop cleaning)
- Color Guard – Appoint chair/training/Identify participants TBD
- Annual hours tracking ongoing
- November 7 luncheon for AL District in process
- Kids Halloween Party date changed to October 31
- Kids Christmas Party December 11
- Next Exec Committee meeting October 22, General member meeting November 4?

- Other Business:

- Donation to Patriot's Garage. Their status as a 501C was approved by the IRS after the 26Aug. Exec Committee Mtg and we are now able to donate. A lengthy discussion followed regarding "should we donate" if the group is still flying the Confederate flag. A majority of meeting members opined that we should not donate if the group continues to fly the Confederate flag. The American Legion is an open, inclusive organization, has formalized that principle in both their Constitution and Mission statement, and our members' personal beliefs are aligned to that principal.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 7Oct2021
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 28Oct2021

For the Good of the Legion:

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

Next 2021 days to celebrate:

AL National Commander visit to Post 49 Oct 11, U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday Oct 13 (noon at the Post), 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 1710.

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