

31 AUG 2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 31 AUG 2023 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, 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 Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, SAL Commander Brett Novy, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Member Jim Montgomery, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Member Rudy Rodriguez, Member Josh Gunnison, Member Brad Vandenberg, Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.**

Award Presentation to Eric Johnson was deferred to the next membership meeting.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 27 July 2023, were approved on motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded.

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 and management of the post, and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Business

- Account status: \$228,027.70, finance report was approved on Motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.
- Quickbooks: July 2023 profit \$23,734.91 vs June 2023 profit of \$19,214.07
- SAL current total funds available: \$12,610.29 as reported by Earl Lash.
- Aux current total funds available: \$28,355.81 + \$6,379 CD per Vicki Olson.
- Club Operations Committee recommendations: playground equipment deferred to next executive committee meeting; Emily Fitzbaker working on coffee machine options, with possible purchase in \$100-200 range; Air Fryer options also being considered; purchase of Barstools discussed, 14 stools cost approximately \$1,946, switching linen (towels, flormats) service for lower cost and better performance. Sean Russell volunteered to review new linen service contract for Emily.

AL Events

- 1 Sept pizza dinner support
- 12 Noon 11 Sept 2023 Memorial Service. Luncheon was discussed and approved for Vets in nursing home.
- 1000-1400 15 Sept 2023 Veterans Benefits Open House

SAL Events Per report of Earl Lash, Pork Chop nights to continue on Thursdays.

Aux Events

- Need current periodicals (magazines) for local nursing homes. Drop off prior to mtg.
- 1330 24 Aug Veterans luncheon visit from South Haven nursing home. Nursing home director would like to possibly make this a monthly event for the nursing home Vets, we discussed getting them here on Sept 11 for the ceremony and luncheon.

Other Business

- Brokerage Account - Status was given by Jason Turner, stock donation from 2 years ago has approx value of \$4,000, on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, we approved maintaining this brokerage account for modest yearly fee of approx \$75.
- Wounded Warrior AAR general discussion and report given by Bruce Thatcher.
- Jim McCloughan memorial dedication target - Veterans Day, 11Nov2023. A check for \$4,000 was issued for the project to start foundation work, still on target for completion by Nov 11 per Jason Turner.
- Law Officer and Firefighter of the year submissions 8Jan2023, Teacher of the Year 1April2023
- Donation process, target setting Sept-Dec2023 to support check writing by YE 2023, The Commander discussed the proposed spending as to specific donations which was distributed to committee members, hopefully finalized by early November with disbursements to be made by end Dec 2023.
- Post 49 MVGP, ByLaws distributed.
- Maintenance items- Mike Andruch reported 2 picnic tables were replaced, electrical to outside tiki bar and Ladies room light fixture pending ability of electrician to get here in near future.
- Other Business, sound level in barroom discussed, no firm action taken.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 7Sept2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 28Sept

Next 2023 days to celebrate

Sept: V-J Day Sept. 2, Labor Day Sept.4, **Patriot Day Sept. 11**, National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 15, **Air Force (USAF) Birthday** Sept. 18, Gold Star Mother's Day Sep 24, VFW Day **Sept. 29**

Oct: **U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday Oct. 13**, **Post 49 Halloween Childrens Party Oct. 28**, Halloween Oct. 31

Nov:Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 5, **Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10**, **Veterans Day Nov. 11**, **Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 19**, Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

No further action this meeting

Post commander: declared meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49