

3Mar2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Vice Commander John Barkley called the 3Mar2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1900, initiated a Zoom Mtg., and conducted the opening ceremony and business 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 Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Judge Advocate Earl Lash, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Bob Dargis**
Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) **present.**

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 3Feb2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Guest Gerid Adams, CaptionCall Account Manager was introduced.

Regular meeting suspended at 1907 for presentation by Gerid Adams, CaptionCall Account Manager. Gerid presented his free (to vet's with hearing loss) phone with large display and received six applications from interested members to have the phone installed. The regular meeting resumed at 1928.

Committee reports

1. Finance: Report summarized below and approved subject to audit.

- Account status for 2Mar2022 \$125,195.48
- Quickbooks: Jan2022 net operating loss of \$16,041 includes approx. \$6,000 donation payout to charities.
- SAL current total funds available \$11,886 with several donations pending.
- Aux current total funds available approx \$19,600.

2. Adjutant - Membership:

- Membership update: 620 listed members for this year versus 572 last year.
- Paid Members currently at 94.34% vs 9March target of 90%. 12 currently in process to achieve 96.46% and require 20 additional new members to achieve 100%.
- Paperwork for 1 new member was circulated and approved.
- Tom Breen announced to members that he will be moving back to Indiana in the near future. Tom will be sadly missed by all.

3. Service Officers.

- Larry continuing dialog with two (2) veterans including a Korean War Vet with dementia.
- Steve has been steadily working with one homeless veteran over the past several months to first find suitable housing and now supports this veteran's transportation several times per month.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Calendar review for Mar/Apr 2022
- Ben will be leaving his current job and still looking for a replacement
- Two door 49 cu.ft. upright freezer installed, final price approx \$7,650
- Disposition of two older freezers: selling each for \$50 approved. Both new owners acknowledged they would remove freezers ASAP to support hall rental next week.

5. AL Events

- Memorial Day Parade- Grand Marshall. Jason received several nominations for 2022 Memorial Day

Grand Marshall.including Bruce Thatcher, Jim Montgomery and Tom Breen.

-American Legion Birthday 15Mar and will be celebrated with cake at the post at 1600 courtesy of Larry Girard.

6. Family Meetings - SAL Events

- 636 members with 421 paid this year
- 5Mar Gumbo dinner 1700-1900 (Steve leads), benefits SAL member
- 17Mar Corned beef & cabbage St. Patty's Day 1700-1900 (Ben leads)
- Pasty Dinner fundraiser for S.A.L. member (TBD). Leif Sell leads.

7. Family Meetings - Aux Events

- 6Feb2022 Breakfast successful, recommend again for next year
- 4Mar to 15Apr Lenten Friday Fish dinners 1700-1930
- Poppy Days planning in process, led by co-chairs Patti Sheehy & Shannon Sheehy.
- Over 570 paid member and at 118%
- Travel & full size toiletries needed to fill box inside main entrance

Sick call - Jim McCloughan (recovering from Covid), Dale Sargent (stroke recovery), Brett Novi (right leg amputation), Pete Petruk (vertigo), Tom Stegman

Unfinished business

- “War on Terror” meeting room display space development on going for a 3D wall display.
- Granite for external monument landed & in route to South Haven (Filbrandt) per Jim Montgomery.

New Business

- Please make “buddy check” calls/visits when and where possible
- Steve Hamilton proposed a monthly free veteran/family breakfast and received enthusiastic feedback, some of it conflicting: frequency (weekly vs monthly), time (during working hours or after), day (weekday vs.weekend) and it was suggested that he contact post 275 to find out what worked for them.

Communication & Donations (to/from AL)

- Thank you notes from American Legion Veterans and Children’s Foundation (\$500) and National Emergency Fund (\$1000) circulated to membership
- A \$1,000 donation was approved for Ukraine relief. Several organizations were suggested (Red Cross, Project Dynamo, Global Guardian, Samaritan's Purse, Greek Orthodox Church, etc) and John was asked to screen organizations to help insure donations can be received by Ukrainians in need.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 7Apr2022
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 31Mar2022

Memorial to a departed post member

- Charter remains draped this meeting for member Jack McCloughan

For The Good of The American Legion.

- Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Bruce suggested developing a MOH display to highlight Michigan’s 10 MOH recipients and create an advertising poster that featured MOH awardees, Vietnam Wall and other conflict displays to attract additional visitors to Post 49. He also ID’d several volunteers.
- AL Elections coming up: April Nominations, May Elections, June Installation.
- Daylight Saving Time Begins Mar 13, K 9 Veterans Day Mar 13, **American Legion Birthday Mar 15, St. Patrick’s Day Mar 17, Medal of Honor Day March 25**, National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, April Fool’s Day Apr 1, Good Friday Apr 15, Easter Apr 17, Gold Star Spouses Day Apr 5, National Former POW Recognition Day Apr 9

Vice Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2025.

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

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account Balance on 2Mar2022 for Membership 3Mar2022 Membership Meeting

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$43,582.56	Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, \$3,000 Vietnam Wall, \$2,000 Raffle	\$35,000
Building Fund	\$6,360.92	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	\$40,000
Pull Tab	\$12,383.28	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	\$6,000
KENO	\$25,199.79	MI Lottery KENO payouts	\$5,000
Breakfast Fund	\$2,267.73	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	\$2,000
Membership	\$12,062.09	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	\$7,000
Veterans	\$14,328.98	Direct support for Veterans/Families	\$20,000
Uniform	\$3,636.97	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	\$4,000
Bank CD	\$5,373.16	Total CD Balance	\$5,000
Total Funds Available	\$125,195.48	Total American Legion Funds Available for spending	\$124,000

Monthly Profit/Loss Statement for Jan2022

Income	\$23,538.54	
Expenses	\$39,579.69	Includes approx \$6,000 donation payout to selected non-profits
Net Operating Profit	-\$16,041.15	Includes approx \$6,000 donation payout to selected non-profits

Donations Received in January

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
19Jan2022	\$100.00	Uniform Account-in memory of Rev Dunn
19Jan2022	\$500.00	General Account
4Nov2021	\$300.00	War On Terror Display
(Josh Gunneson)	\$164.41	Future Archery classes