

5May2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander Jason Turner called the 5May2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1905 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, Interim Adjutant Bob Dargis, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Dan Thompson, Member Zach Williams, Member Richard Ely, Member John McCormack
Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present.

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 7Apr2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None

Committee reports

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

- Account status for 3May2022 \$123,198.19
- Quickbooks: March2022 net operating loss of \$4,534.09, end of winter and rising costs
- SAL current total funds available approx. \$10,000 after donation payouts to charities/other.
- Aux current total funds available approx \$18,000.
- Finance report approved (subject to audit)

2. Adjutant - Membership:

- Membership update: 625 listed members for this year versus 572 last year.
- Total membership 101.95% according to state records.
- Paperwork for 7 new members in process for circulation June mtg.

3. Service Officers.

- Larry and Steve continuing dialog with several veterans, transporting vet's to VA, shopping, etc..
- Both working directly with Dave Krzycki, Veterans Service Director for Van Buren Co.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Calendar highlights reviewed for May, June in process.
- Lunches available Tues thru Sat starting at noon with Tuesday continuing as "free lunch"
- Gold Coast cleaning has received positive reviews
- Club Manager mtg with bartenders will continue monthly. Please forward questions/concerns to Laura for discussion at that meeting.
- AL has 11 remaining open liquor licenses this CY. Specific dates and further recommendations will be reviewed in June mtg
- In light of rising prices for beer, liquor and wine, Laura will benchmark similar clubs to ours and make pricing recommendation in May Mtg.

5. AL Events

- AL May 5 Elections, June 2 installation.
- 6May Pizza dinner 1700-1930
- Chaplain workshop 7May requires RSVP by 1May to Deb Weatherbee (616-723-2398)
- Volunteers needed 0800 9May at Lakeview Cemetery to place flags on veteran's graves.
- 14May Dept Leadership Development Workshop 0900-1500 with Lunch Provided. Pre-Register by EMAIL(support@michiganlegion.org) or call 517-220-2753. TOPICS COVERED include: Duties of Officers, Leadership, Protocol & Procedures, Programs, Technology, Membership and Post recruiting,

Parliamentary Procedures, Resolutions, Bylaws.

- 17May radio station 97.5 may be on site 1600-1800
- 20May Mike Andrich will sponsor a Ukrainian Dinner 1700-1930 with proceeds going to aid Ukrainians.
- 30May. Memorial Day planning in process. Please RSVP with Jason if you plan to march. We will meet at the Post by 0830 Monday 30May to start the parade 0900.

6. Family Meetings - SAL Events

- 636 members with 421 paid this year, also reported to be 135%
- Taco bar successful.

7. Family Meetings - Aux Events

- Poppy Days planning in process. Up to \$1,000 approved by Exec Com. for two 2-sided banners to announce South Haven Poppy sales. Cost to be split three-ways. Volunteer sign-up sheets in club room.
- Friday Night Fish Fry will continue through summer
- Please support "Helping Hand" contributions at Post 49, renamed from Purse Project.
- Working with Brenda Daggett and Baird Financial Advisors in St. Joseph to help fund flag replacements for Lakeview Cemetery. Plan on volunteering Monday, 9 May at 0800.
- South Haven Memorial Weekend Veterans Poker Run being planned for 29May by Susie Pacwa, including Breakfast at Post 49.

Sick call - Larry Smith, Bishop Evans of the Texas National Guard

Unfinished business

- "War on Terror" meeting room display space development on going for a 3D wall display.
- Granite for Afghanistan monument arrived and installed as supervised by Jim Montgomery.

New Business

- Motion approved to suspend the regular meeting and count candidate votes.

Election results:

Commander	John Barkley
1st Vice Cmdr	Earl Lash
2nd Vice Cmdr	Jim Addressi
Adjutant	Bob Dargis
Chaplain	Larry Girard
Finance Officer	Tom Dryer
Sgt at Arms	Art Farmer
Service Officer	John McCormack
Historian	Jim McCloughan
Judge Advocate	Jason Turner
Trustee	Willie Reinhardt
Trustee	Chuck Aubrey

- Motion approved to Resume Normal Business Meeting
- Exec Comm recommended replacing halyard for flag and yardarms, 200' T900 line not to exceed \$200
- Dedicate new Memorial space with pillar for Afghanistan Veterans TBD
- Valhalla Project discussed with recommendation to integrate into local funeral home packages.

Communication & Donations (to/from AL)

- Thank you letter rec'd from International Red Cross acknowledging \$500 donation made to aid Ukrainians.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 2Jun2022
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 26May2022

Memorial to a departed post member

-21 May 1300 Celebration of Life for Richard and Carol Parks at Coloma Post

For The Good of The American Legion.

-National Day of Prayer May 5, Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 6, VE Day May 8, Mother's Day May 8, Children of Fallen Patriots Day May 13, Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, Armed Forces Day May 21, Memorial Day May 30, D-Day Jun 6, Women Veterans Day Jun 12, Army Birthday Jun 14, U.S. Flag Day Jun 14, Father's Day Jun 19, PTSD Awareness Day Jun 27

Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2030.

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

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report			
Account Balance on May 3, 2022 for Membership Meeting on May 5, 2022			
Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$37,427.08	Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, \$3,000 Vietnam Wall, \$2,000 Raffle	\$35,000
Building Fund	\$6,351.97	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	\$40,000
Pull Tab	\$13,013.48	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	\$6,000
KENO	\$27,575.07	MI Lottery KENO payouts	\$5,000
Breakfast Fund	\$1,866.79	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	\$2,000
Membership	\$13,600.62	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	\$7,000
Veterans	\$14,329.73	Direct support for Veterans/Families	\$20,000
Uniform	\$3,637.15	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	\$4,000
Bank CD	\$5,396.30	Total CD Balance	\$5,000

Total Funds Available	\$123,198.19	Total American Legion Funds Available for spending	\$124,000
Monthly Profit & Loss for March 2022			
Gross Profit	\$33,818.98		
Total Expenses	\$38,361.14		
Net Income	-\$4,534.09		
Donations Received in January			
Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned	
9Mar2022	\$70.00	General - Anonymous Donor	
4Nov2021	\$300.00	War On Terror Display	
(Josh Gunneson)	\$164.41	Future Archery classes	