

## 6Apr2023 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 6Apr2023 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1903, conducted the opening ceremony and business meeting as summarized below.

### Order of 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, **Ordinance Officer Mike Andruch**, Member Richard Ely, Post 68 Member Frank Thompson, **Member Jim Montgomery, Member Dan Gomez, Member Josh Gunnison, Member Seig Freitag, Member Marty Welker, Member Guy Cherry, Member Paul Hegelson, Member Don Feutz**

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

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Guy Cherry asked that Post 49 member and current District 4 Commander be "introduced".

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 2Mar2023 reviewed/**approved** but amended with some member comments: Guy Cherry left meeting, Earl Lash present, replace " Guy Cherry and Josh Gunneson expressed interest in being a Service Officer" to "Guy Cherry and Josh Gunneson expressed interest in being an interim Service Officer".

### Committee reports

#### **1. Finance.**

- Account balance as of 5Apr2023 for the 6Apr2023 Membership Mtg \$166,675.05
- Quickbooks: Feb2023 profit of \$7,863.88
- SAL current total funds available approx. \$11,000
- Aux current total funds approx \$21,378 + CD
- Finance report approved** (subject to audit)

#### **2. Adjutant - Membership:**

- 6Apr membership payment status: New 56, PUFL 38, Renewals 473, transfers 2, total 568 of 631 goal or 90.02 % vs mid APR goal of 90% ! 3 new member applications circulated, **approved**.
- Adj report approved.**

#### **3. Service Officers.**

- Steve directing veterans/needs including DD214 requests to Van Buren Co.Veterans Service Officers Dave Krzycki and Dennis Urquhart.
- Steve also reported taking Veterans to the bank, shop for groceries, helping vet. In nursing home and providing additional financial help ( **\$1,000 approved** ) to another veteran. Guy Cherry reported providing transportation for veteran to homeless shelter.

#### **4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee**

- Kitchen Cleaning reviewed for total cost of \$1200. Kitchen hood, fan duct (annual Maintenance) cleaning approved at \$650 with new supplier. \$550 quote for "deep cleaning" stovetop, wall, fryer and convection oven. Aux confirmed \$400 cleaning funding at their Thursday meeting.
- Pricing for regular breakfasts/dinners will be same/consistent for each group supporting unless change approved by Exec. Com. Special event dinner pricing will be determined by the host organization after competitive benchmarking.
- Third Friday dinner profits will be used to support children's events, similar to last year.
- SHFD fire extinguisher training scheduled for 1700 (5PM) 1May2023 per Malina Alderman .
- Apr/May2023 Calendars not reviewed and received request to replenish holder in main entrance.
- Pool table repairs. Pool table originally purchased by SAL group and Steve will solicit quote to repair,

replace.

- Additional bartender parking space/sign will be added.
- Brush drink glass cleaner replacement for bar discussed. Meeting agreement to replace. Est. \$200 cost did not require funding approval since required. Current Bylaws state, "A single expenditure of up to \$750 may be made by the committee lead for immediate repair of building, infrastructure or major appliance as required."
- Kitchen dishwasher currently not a high priority in capital spending plan and will be revisited after Kitchen infrastructure feasibility reviewed.
- New easy clean solid surface floor mat replacement design will be "piloted" to minimize cleaning issues.
- Food trucks now approved for SH including servicing our area and Emily will consider future use.

## 5. AL Events

- Two 50 year membership certificates awarded Sunday 2Apr2023, a 50 year service certificate presented to Harvey J Mollett and a 75 year service certificate presented to John E Lammert. Emily will share as part of a slide show in the bar area. Contact information not available for Ronald G Wise and 50yr. certificate will be mailed to his last known address.
- Please support Poppy production 1600-1900 13April at the Post.
- Honor Guard support requested for Navy Veteran Richard Chris Brown 1400 12April2023 at Thomas cemetery. Will leave the Post at 1315
- Memorial Day Flag placement support at Lakeview Cemetery 0900 8May
- Honor Guard support required for DAR Ceremony 1100 12May support at Thomas Cemetery, Bangor. We will leave the post by 1000.

## 6. SAL Events

- Steve hosted Post 49 past commanders dinner Sunday 2April and good time had by all !
- SAL will continue Thursday dinners May-October.
- 1400 14Apr local AL Post tour nearly sold out

## 7. Aux Events

- Poppy Days 2023 Patti Sheehy chair, Shannon will co-chair. Poppy production planned 1600-1900 13April.
- Kitchen Cleaning being discussed
- Memorial Luncheon Support being discussed
- Children's 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.

## The Regular Meeting was suspended to nominate new officers

Nominations remain open until voting during our next, 4May2023, Membership Meeting. The attached pdf spreadsheet will be posted in the clubroom to record the names of other interested people.

## New/Other Business

- Josh Gunneson requested that \$164.41, a part of previously approved Archery class AL Post 49 funding, be moved from General Operating account to Veterans Account. **Request approved.**
- 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.
- Jim McCloughan memorial planning reviewed by Jason - making great progress and will have same size/color granite as Dewey,
- North side lawn leveling (to insure safe walkability) cement/decking options being evaluated. Bruce will help us with top/plan view Model.
- Honor Guard rifle fabric protective sleeves **approved** at Membership Mtg. replacement safe being discussed.
- 4th District meeting scheduled 21May at Post 49 with lunch at 1230 and business meeting at 1330.

- The American Legion Department of Michigan Summer convention will be held 6-9July in Sault Ste. Marie. Hotel reservations for Kewadin Casino, 2186 Shunk Road, can be made by calling 1-800-539-2346 prior to June 6, 2023. Plan for Delegate discussion next meeting.
- Boys state funding required from Post 49 for \$475 (one delegate). Last year funding received from SAL and Steve will get back with us prior to 21Apr. \$475 **funding approved** by AL if required.
- Several meeting suggestions were suggested by Earl during the member meeting and will be reviewed/researched by the proposer and meeting chair. If they are found to be American Legion requirements or add value towards having more productive and efficient meetings, they will be considered further.
- It was suggested that Steve add AL Post 49 signage to his bus and approved at \$200 for Jason to place order with "TS Graphics". Fortunately Steve agreed.

### **Communication & Donations (to/from AL)**

#### **Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 4May2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 27Apr2023

#### **Memorial to a departed post member,**

**Sick Call:** Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers: Larry Girard, Tom Dryer, Jim Neely, John McCormack, Dan Gomaz's wife

#### **For The Good of The American Legion.**

##### **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

**Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2020.**

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