

6Oct2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 6Oct2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1904, 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 Tom Breen, **Member Richard Ely**, Post 68 Member Frank Thompson, **Member Jim Montgomery**, **Member Dan Gomez**

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

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 4Aug2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Member Dan Gomez, who had not attended a meeting for several years, reintroduced himself as an Army vet with 6yrs of service, South Haven code enforcement officer for 12yrs, and now retired.

Committee reports

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

- Account status for 6Oct2022 **\$191,263.11** including donations that have not been expensed for purpose.
- Quickbooks: Aug2022 \$15,469.56 contributed by club operations performance.
- SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$19,000
- Aux current total funds available approx \$21,468
- Motion to approve finance report (subject to audit)

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account balance as of 6Oct2022 for the 6Oct AL Membership Meeting

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$55,966.95	Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, \$3,000 Vietnam Wall, \$2,000 Raffle	\$35,000
Building Fund	\$6,329.64	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	\$40,000
Pull Tab	\$22,318.48	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	\$6,000
KENO	\$32,930.60	MI Lottery KENO payouts	\$5,000
Breakfast Fund	\$25,681.70	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	\$2,000
Membership	\$15,660.05	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	\$7,000

Veterans	\$23,907.65	Direct support for Veterans/Families	\$20,000
Uniform	\$3,067.19	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	\$4,000
Bank CD	\$5,400.85	Total CD Balance	\$5,000
Total Funds Available	\$191,263.11	Total American Legion Funds Available for spending	\$124,000

Monthly Income statement for August 2022

Revenue	\$58,350.35	
Expenses	\$42,880.79	
Net Income	\$15,469.56	

Donations received through August 2022 and Identified for Seperate Tracking

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
(Josh Gunneson)	\$164.41	Future Archery classes

2. Adjutant - Membership:

- Membership update: 30 new member applications circulated for approval and 263 renewals, which is 52.46 % of our goal of 631
- 30 new members approved

3. Service Officers.

- Both Larry and Steve working directly with Dave Krzycki, Veterans Service Director for Van Buren Co.
- Honor Guard requested for John **Culver** 14October in Benton Harbor, Wade **McPeak** 15Oct at Post 49 and John **Tiggelman** TBD.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Calendars available for Oct/Nov2022
- “Industrial cleaning” proposals accepted for the AL to “own/clean” the clubroom floors 0900 26Oct, and for Aux to “own/clean” the kitchen.

5. AL Events

- Oct last month for regular breakfasts, dinners.
- Navy Birthday** 1300 13Oct at the Post, combination 11Nov. **Marine Corp birthday and Veterans Day** celebration will start with a free 0900-1130 breakfast for all veterans/families, followed by a 12 noon Salute and a free lunch for all. The Marine Corp will also share their birthday (cake) on this 11Nov celebration day.
- 24Nov AL Exec Com Mtg canceled so that we may celebrate Thanksgiving

6. Family Meetings - SAL Events

- 636 members with 421 paid this year, 135% of target
- Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 20

7. Family Meetings - Aux Events

- More than 700 members, more than 100% and new member cards “in the mail”

Sick call - Brent Novi recovering at home from leg surgery. Larry Smith surviving prostate cancer. Paul Middleton having issues with shoulder/knee. Please keep all in your thoughts/prayers during their recovery.

Unfinished business

- Flag disposal -will now use of Stark's funeral home crematorium per Pete Petruk's suggestion.
- Maintenance items: Mike mentioned that new rubber gaskets were installed for the leaking kitchen sink drain.

New Business

- Steve Hamilton volunteered to investigate front entrance door opener to allow disabled visitors to enter the club more easily
- Donation process reviewed earlier and used to generate specific recommendations identified below that were approved at this membership meeting.

American Legion Post 49 Areas of Spending

Area of Spending	Items covered	Non Profit Organization	2021 Amount Spent	Proposed 2022 Donation
Direct emergency support of four local veterans last 10 months	Cell phone bills, gas, food/groceries, short term motel lodging	No	\$1,245	\$2,000
Wilwin Lodge Custer, MI	Lodging and recreation for veterans, families	Yes	\$1,000	\$1,000
Operation Comfort Warriors	Support wounded military patients at military hospitals in MI	Yes	\$500	\$500
Operation Injured Soldier South Lyon, MI	Training, support for MI residents with greater than 30% disability	Yes	\$500	\$500
AL Homeless Veterans	Direct support in temporary shelters	Yes	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fisher House, Battle Creek, MI	MI home for disabled vet's, families	Yes	\$500	\$500
Patriot's Garage	MI organization that supports training	Yes	\$1,000	\$1,000
Wounded Warrior Project	Making MI wounded warriors more independent	Yes	\$1,000	\$1,000
AL Veterans and Children Foundation	Supports MI Veterans families in financial hardship and direct support, training for AL Service Officers	Yes	\$500	\$500
Wreaths Across America	Purchase/place wreaths 17Dec	Yes		\$1,000

	at Lakeview, other cemeteries			
Tunnels to Towers	Pay home mortgages, upgrades for primary providers killed in service	Yes	\$264	\$396
Poppies	Buying poppies for AL Post 49	No	\$440	\$1,000
Other Misc first 5months 2023				\$1,500
Total			\$7,949	\$11,896

Communication & Donations (to/from AL) None

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 3Nov2022.
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 **29Dec2022**

Memorial to a departed post member

The charter was draped during this membership as a memorial to John Culver, Wade McPeak and John Tiggelman.

For The Good of The American Legion.

Oct: Columbus Day Oct 10, Navy Birthday Oct 13, Day of the Deployed Oct 26, Halloween Oct 31,
November: Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 6, Election Day Nov 8, **Marine Corps Birthday** celebration 11Nov combined with **Veterans Day Nov 11**, Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 20, Thanksgiving Day Nov 24,
December: Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday Dec 1, **Pearl Harbor Day Dec 7**, National Guard Birthday Dec13, National Wreaths Across America Dec 18, Christmas Dec 25, New Year's Eve Dec 31

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