

7April2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander Jason Turner called the 7Apr2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1903 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 Guy Cherry. Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present.

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 3Mar2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None attended the meeting.

Committee reports

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

- Account status for 28Mar2022 \$126,535.65
- Quickbooks: Feb2022 net operating profit of \$779.14, benefiting from approx \$1,000 breakfast and \$2,000 Ice Breaker additional Feb. revenue. The Feb breakfast event was also identified as a great example of innovative antripraneralism and something we need more of.
- SAL current total funds available for spending \$9,827 after donation payouts to charities/other.
- Aux current total funds available approx \$16,000.
- Finance report approved (subject to audit)

2. Adjutant - Membership:

- Membership update: 625 listed members for this year versus 572 last year.
- Paid Members currently at 99.65%
- Paperwork for 5 new members was circulated and approved.

3. Service Officers.

- Larry and Steve continuing dialog with several veterans including a Korean War Vet with dementia.
- Both working directly with Dave Krzycki, Veterans Service Director for Van Buren Co.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Calendar reviewed for Apr/May2022
- Report out and recommendations from Club Opn's Mtg.
- Heather Hahn reported her 7April resignation as Club Manager earlier and Laura Lambert was introduced as Heather's replacement, later receiving a unanimous vote of confidence approval for her new role. Laura Lambert was then approved as new Club Manager by membership.
- Ben Newton resigned his Club cleaning position earlier and Gold Coast cleaning hiring approved as Ben's replacement for a 3 month trial at \$30/hour or an estimated \$60/day. Guy suggested we consider applying for someone assigned to do community service in the future.
- AL has 11 remaining open liquor licenses this year and specific date recommendations will be reviewed in April by Club Manager
- Laura is considering sponsoring the third Friday dinner and will require help for those events, a good opportunity to get to know our new Club Manager. Mike Andruch has also volunteered to make a Ukrainian meal to benefit the Ukrainian people.
- 1000 AM Saturday Club Manager mtg with bartenders.

5. AL Events

- 29Mar National Vietnam War Veterans Day event reported to be successful and members Bruce Thatcher and Tom Breen were called out for their significant contributions.
- Tom's announcement earlier that he would be resigning his Adjutant's position to return back to Indiana was mentioned and Bob Dargis was approved as the interim Adjutant.
- Memorial Day planning: Jason has applied for the parade permit, parade fee exemption and identified Tom Breen as this year's Parade Grand Marshall.
- Elections 5May2022
- Chaplain in-person/zoom workshop 7May requires RSVP by 1May to Deb Weatherbee (616-723-2398)

6. Family Meetings - SAL Events

- 636 members with 421 paid this year, also reported to be 135%
- Taco bar for the open Friday dinner on 29April, Steve Hamilton leads.
- Steve Hamilton proposed a monthly free veteran/family breakfast and received enthusiastic feedback.

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. Jason's target to Aux not to exceed \$800, approved. It was further suggested that we consider Do-It Corporation of South Haven for printing.
- Friday Night Fish Fry will continue through 22April
- Please support "Helping Hand" contributions at Post 49, renamed from "Purse Project".
- The Aux Charter draped for Joyce Webber
- Working with Brenda Daggett and Baird Financial Advisors in St. Joseph to help fund flag replacements for Lakeview Cemetery.
- South Haven Memorial Weekend Veterans Poker Run being planned by Susie Pacwa, including breakfast at Post 49.

Sick call - Dale Sargent (stroke recovery), Brett Novi (right leg amputation)

Unfinished business

- "War on Terror" meeting room display space development on going for a 3D wall display.
- Granite for external monument arrived in South Haven (Filbrandt) per Jim Montgomery.

New Business

- A more service dog-training friendly Post 49 proposal was reviewed, approved by Club Operations Com., Exec Com. and Membership mtg. as summarized below.

American Legion Post 49 Regulation for Service Dogs in training.

Since:

- A. most Michigan businesses currently allow service-dogs-in-training on their premises when wearing a service-dog-in training vest and,**
- B. fully trained service dogs have proven their great value to active duty military, retired military personnel after service, and many others,**

We the membership of AL Post 49 propose that Post 49:

- C. complies with all federal, state and local requirements including those summarized above,**
- D. does not require stricter regulations as it may be illegal to do so,**
- E. allows service-dogs-in-training to enter any area of AL Post 49 with their trainers, even though we may not be legally required to do so, and**
- F. apply the same rules/regulations for service-dogs-in-training as certified service dogs.**

-Woody Williams is on a mission to establish Gold Star Family Memorial Monuments in every state. Jim McCloughan suggested that we review [Woody's website](#) for future donations.

-Steve and Larry are investigating the availability of a bar top that replicates the Vietnam memorial in Wash. for use at Post 49.

Communication & Donations (to/from AL)

-\$500 donation made to Ukraine via International Red Cross

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 5May2022
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 28Apr2022

Memorial to a departed post member

For The Good of The American Legion.

-AL May 5 Elections, June 2 installation.

The following floor nominations were received and will be posted on the club bulletin board so that others may write in additional candidates up until close of nominations 1800 4May, to allow for 5May voting.

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

-Good Friday Apr 15, Easter Apr 17, Gold Star Spouses Day Apr 5, National Former POW Recognition Day Apr 9, Silver Star Service Banner Day May 1, 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,

Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2022.

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

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report			
Account Balance of March 28, 2022 for Executive Committee Meeting on March 31, 2022			
Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$44,255.19	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	\$13,141.28	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	\$6,000
KENO	\$25,123.89	MI Lottery KENO payouts	\$5,000
Breakfast Fund	\$1,876.73	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	\$2,000
Membership	\$12,438.53	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	\$126,535.65	Total American Legion Funds Available for spending	\$124,000

Monthly Profit/Loss Statement for Feb2022

Gross Profit	\$32,620.73	
Total Expenses	\$31,841.59	
Net Operating Income	\$779.14	

Donations Received in January

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
4Nov2021	\$300.00	War On Terror Display
(Josh Gunneson)	\$164.41	Future Archery classes