

## 6May2021 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 6May2021 American Legion Post 49 meeting to order at 1905 and conducted the opening ceremony.

### Order of business

**Adjutant:** “ Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Guy Cherry, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Chaplain, Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Trustee Tom Dryer, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Member Jim Addressi, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Patrick Whitlatch, Member Bruce Thatcher, Member Josh Gunneson, Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) **present**.

**Meeting Minutes** “1April American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” were approved as written.

**Introduction of guests and prospective new members:** None Present.

### Committee reports

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

- Account status for 6May2021 \$74,047 plus a \$5234.66 Bank CD
- Quickbooks March 2021 loss of -\$ 13,182.95 was noted due to the very low volume of business.
- SAL reported their current total funds available are \$13,271.
- Aux reported their current total funds available of \$11,922 in a prior meeting.

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

- Achieved 93.7% membership, vs target of 95% forApr21. Gap to target currently 36 member renewals.

#### 3. **Service Officers** Monthly report out.

- Larry reported that he is currently working with two (2) vets to make the right VA connections. He recommended a veteran friendly restaurant, Mission Barbeque at 2190 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids. He also noted that a 10 Week learn to play guitar program called G4B is now available for veterans.
- Steve supported a local veteran requiring dental surgery in the amount of approx \$450 and the amount was approved by legion members for payment. Steve will follow up regarding possible compensation from other service organizations.

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

- Calendar for May-June2021 with date published to distinguish for later changes.
- Cook update: Still looking.
- Ceiling tiles, requirements, review/approval process, printing vender selection not discussed
- Friday dinners underway, Sunday breakfast 2May under current MDOH Guidelines, 30 May combined breakfast.
- Protemp PM for HVAC units conducted, 2 hall rentals cancelled reservations because of capacity restrictions.
- Poppie sign-up sheet for selling locations posted on bulletin board in the club room.
- \$6,700 cost for new pull tab machine payed from operations account and will be reimbursed from pull tab account
- \$11/month donation for Tunnel-To-Towers committed for one year

#### 5. **AL Events**

- Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony. Jason reported Invitations sent. AL members will gather at Post at 0830, high school band will march, several cars available for people to ride, Dan Farmer to be invited to support shadow taps.

#### 6. **Family Meetings - SAL Events**

- Video tape of our next Americanism event being planned for 17/18 Sept at St Basils and Glenn school.
- Steak fry dinner starting 10June and planned for every Thursday thereafter until stopped.
- Steve noted that in an earlier SAL meeting decided to support an exterior master plan development.

#### 7. **Family Meetings - Aux**

- 57 fish dinners, Sunday breakfast success
- Need volunteers for 30May breakfasts. Contact Mary Fitzgerald.

**Sick call** - None noted

### Unfinished business

- JATO Rocket display donation received and waiting for display strategy.
- The AL regular meeting was suspended for Election ballot counting for Officer and Trustee positions. The following people were announced as election winners and the regular meeting was resumed.

**Commander** Jason Turner

<b>1st Vice Cmdr</b>	<b>John Barkley</b>
<b>2nd Vice Cmdr</b>	<b>Jim Addressi</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Tom Breen</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Larry Girard</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Tom Dryer</b>
<b>Sgt at Arms</b>	<b>Art Farmer</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Larry Girard</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Jim McCloughan</b>
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	<b>Earl Lash</b>
<b>Two (2) trustees</b>	<b>Bruce Thatcher, Patrick Whitlatch</b>

### **New Business**

- Place flags 10 May at 1000 hours at Lakeview Cemetery. Meet there.
- Poppy Sales planning/execution. Please sign up sheet on bulletin board for various locations.
- Patriots Garage visit being planned by Steve 22 May. Plan to meet at post 0730 for a 1.5 hour drive. Guy/Willie will confirm with Patriots Garage.
- Harold Bennett volunteered to replace front building facia. Mike will consult with Harold regarding the approx \$1,000 for design and solid /materials, select date and advise if additional help needed
- Jason, Mike, Tom, Jim Neeley refinished the meeting room floor.
- Pat Whitlatch's 29Apr Exec Com Mtg recommendation that we add an Afghanistan memorial to the outside display of other conflict memorials was quickly approved during that earlier meeting. After Exec Com approval, Jim Montgomery worked with Jeff Filbrandt, Mike Andruch and Steve Hamilton to develop a flexible memorial proposal. Following Jim's presentation, the \$2253 cost for the proposed flexible monument arrangement and addition of the monument was approved unanimously by the Membership. The post looks forward to a future dedication.
- Pat will also take the lead for planning the "War on Terror" meeting room display space supported by Larry Girrard and Josh Gunneson
- Josh suggested that the archery range where he is employed would be interested in having the American Legion sponsor youth classes and was referred to the AL Department level for further direction.
- Capital spending spreadsheets were reviewed in earlier meetings (including SAL and Aux) and are available for review by any member.
- Bingo equipment disposal approved pending State Gaming Commission approval.
- A recommendation to buy smaller kitchen appliances for bartender use in preparing bar foods will be discussed again with the Club Manager to make sure that bartender needs are considered.

**Communication & Donations** : A \$75 donation was given to Tom Breen by the Cullum family immediately after the Honor Guard salute at the cemetery. The donation will be placed in the uniform fund to service Honor Guard needs.

### **Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 3June including installations of new officers
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 27May
- Department Annual Convention 8-11Jul Sault Ste Marie

**Memorial to a departed post member** . None noted

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

National Day of Prayer May 6, Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 7, VE Day May 8, Mother's Day May 9, Children of Fallen Patriots Day May 13, Armed Forces Day and Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15 Memorial Day May 31 June, D-Day June 6, Women Veterans Day June 12, Army Birthday June 14, U.S. Flag Day June 14, Father's Day June 20, PTSD Awareness Day June 27

**Post Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2105.**

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