

**Edward W. Thompson**  
**American Legion Post #49**  
**Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting – Jan 8, 2009**  
**Called to order 7:00PM by Commander Stan Wakild**

Membership cards checked by Sgt. At Arms, Colors in place – hand salute/ followed by Chaplain prayer by Roxanne/ POW-MIA/ pledge of allegiance, preamble to constitution, rap of gavel, all sit.

**Roll Call:**

Commander Stan Wakild – P

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Doug Nelson – P

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Sheldon Booth – P

Chaplain Gene Maul – A

Historian John Lammert – EA

Also present, Don Sinkler, Barney Regnier, Roxanne Resmer, Jim Montgomery, Bob Heavin, Rodney Tolbert

Finance Officer Dennis Barton - P

Adjutant Paul Hogan - P

Judge Advocate Vern Harsch – P

Service Officer – Kevin Ferguson EA

Sgt At Arms Rodney Cockerel – P

**Reading** of Dec 4 2008 regular meeting minutes prepared by Paul (attached) - motion by Roxanne to suspend reading and approve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barney – motion passed

**Reading** of Dec 17 2008 Board of Directors minutes prepared by Paul (attached) - motion by Roxanne to suspend reading and approve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barney – motion passed

**Vern addressed Commander** appreciating the desire to expedite the meetings but he and possibly others would like time to read the minutes prior to voting – Commander stated “so noted”

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Officer Report** – Dennis presented a detailed P & L annual comparison report (attached) and also provided copies to the membership. **Account balances:** Operating account – 13,156.65 Membership acct as of Jan 8 3,889.81 Uniform – 2,147.22 Building Fund – 4,295.54 Veterans Fund – 1,239.75 Breakfast Fund – 4,404.81 PTA Fund – 1,8329.11 Loans – none Legion Riders acct: no report Auxiliary – no report reviewed by membership/discussion motion to approve by Vern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barney – approved

**Adjutant Report** – provided by Paul, reviewed by membership, (attached) mailed 116 delinquent notices out 1/8/09. motion to accept by Roxanne 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis approved

**Auxiliary Report** – none **Legion Riders Report** – none

**SAL Report** by Rodney – SAL donated \$1,000.00 toward new smoke eaters. No finance or membership report available. Motion to approve by Vern 2<sup>nd</sup> Roxanne approved

**New Applicant** Jack McCloughan of South Haven, Viet Nam era Vet, DD-214 reviewed by Paul, Dennis and Barney agreeing applicant qualified motion by Roxanne to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug new applicant approved

**Old Business** None

**New Business** (1) Motion by Bob to give \$300 Christmas bonus to PTA members 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim approved

(2) Roxanne volunteered with assistance of Bob and Dennis to put together a 2009 planning committee with SAL, Auxiliary and Riders to lock in dates for Post activities for 2009. (3) Motion by Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis that any discipline handed out by Board of Directors involving veterans should only be voted on by regular American Legion members in good standing of our Post. Motion unanimously approved. (4) 50's – 60's dinner 6-8PM Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, chaired by Diann Tosh, burgers/malts/cherry cokes and DJ to follow (5) Discussion to purchase large screen LCD TV for club room. Motion by Vern to authorize Dennis to shop prices and purchase one 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barney motion passed

**Donations** None Commander read letter from Daniel Busby, Scout Executive, Southwest Michigan Council, Boy Scouts of America thanking us for supporting them in 2008.

**For the good of the American Legion** (1) Vern thanked everyone from the Post who participated in the funeral today of his daughter's mother-in-law, who served as a WAC in Europe in WWII. (2) Dennis thanked Bob Heavin and Kevin Ferguson for helping with phase two of the Memorial project.

Chaplain Prayer by Roxanne and meeting closed by Commander at 7:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hogan