

## 10Dec American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes

**Post Commander Jason Turner opened the 10Dec 2020 American Legion Post 49 Combined (virtual Zoom) Meeting with a roll call at 1903.**

### 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, Historian to be appointed, Trustee Tom Dryer, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Aux Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter.**  
Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) **present**

### **Budget**

- Account status for Oct2020 \$91,233.76, Nov2020 NA, but \$15,7070 in Operating account and approx \$7,500 in Membership account
- Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -\$4,850.67, Feb2020 \$4,292.82, Mar2020 -\$8,775.42, Apr2020 -\$12,001.36, May2020 -\$10,521.76, June2020 -\$ 4,888.43, July2020 \$4,148.85, Aug2020 \$3,379.61, Sept2020 \$3,091.10 supported by \$5,000 grant, vs Sept2019 \$4,523.09, Oct2020 -\$1,065.82
- AL \$1,000 grant received. Latest state grant program (15Dec submission) does not support non-profits.
- Pull tab “utility payments” of \$1,500 approved.
- Annual Club Manager, bartenders Christmas bonuses approved for total payment of \$1,000.
- An estimated \$20,000 is required for General Operating funding to meet expected shortfall over next 4 months
- Aux and SAL organizations were asked to review their budgets and report out next meeting what funds may be available to support AL operations shortfall. Finance Officer Sean Russell offered to prepare additional summary of operations spending requirements for review with AUX per Linda Teeter’s request.
- Line of credit (LOC) discussion. Sturgis Bank line of credit cancelled after our wall was paid off to save the \$100/year annual renewal fee. Opening a new LOC will cost several hundred dollars and approx 1 week if we decide it is required. The executive Committee has already approved a new LOC if/when required.

### **Club Opn’s Sub Committee report out:**

- MDHHS shutdown extended through 20 Dec with further extension likely.
- Health inspector visit, 29Oct MI DHHS Covid requirements mandate club patrons sign in with name, phone #, time.
- Plexiglass shielding installed along the bar area by Jason and Mike.
- All dinners/soups cancelled for Dec2020. None yet scheduled for 2021.

### **AL Events .**

- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony performed 1100 7Dec. Jason mentioned there may be South Haven newspaper coverage of the event.

### **SAL Events**

- 22Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Senior Thanksgiving dinner AAR being developed. The first time 100% meal pick, delivery generally went well and SAL will develop corrective actions to address why approximately 8 people did not receive their requested dinners.

### **Aux Events**

- Provided desserts for the 22Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Senior Thanksgiving dinner
- Made 3 donations: \$1,000 to Van Buren Domestic Violence Coalition, \$500 to Fisher House, \$500 to We Care

### **Other Business:**

- Extended “Buddy Check” call process to recruit new Post 49 members identified approximately 45 people as having some interest in transferring to local Post 0049 from State Post 0225 and were sent additional membership information in the mail. Tom Breen is targeting to net an additional 20 new Post 49 members from the process.
- Awards Committee. Legionnaire of the Year has been selected and Committee waiting for the appropriate (post Covid) venue to present/celebrate.
- Firewood delivery team looking for work. Do you know of someone in need ?

- Salute to Veterans first day event scheduled for 20Aug2021, an 1800 dinner at the Masonic Lodge.
- Hard times ahead with continued shutdown:** Will continue discussion of other fundraising ideas at next meeting.

**Next meeting:** To be scheduled Jan2021

**Remembrance:**

- Art Orozco, Post 49 Historian, passed away earlier and will be missed by all.
- James Richard Wolf, 82, USAF Vet and Legion member passed away November 30, 2020.

**Dec2020 days to celebrate:**

- National Wreaths Across America 14 Dec.; access the website for donations. Christmas 25 Dec.

**Post commander Jason Turner declared meeting adjourned at 2020**

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