

12 SEPT 2024 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

After the Opening ceremony was conducted, Commander John Barkley called the 12 SEPT 2024 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1900.

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Trustee Josh Gunnison, Service Officer Jason Mayer, Trustee Dan Gomez, member Tim Gregory, member Brad VandenBerg, member Glenn Higgs, Member Dan Thompson, member Kane Goodson, member Don Karrus, Member Richard Schmidt, SAL member Paul Middleton.

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

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None.

Award Presentation: None

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 1 AUG 2024 reviewed/**approved** on motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, on voice vote.

Committee reports

1. Finance. Report by Sean Russell:

- Account status:\$230,628.64 12Sep.vs \$228,027.70 31Aug2023 vs \$209,325.89 31July2024
- Quickbooks:July2024 \$10,659.40 vs July2023 \$23,734.91, June2024 \$14,152.69
- Finance Report approved on Motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, by voice vote.
- SAL funds available: \$21,111.05
- Aux funds available: \$28,000 with \$10,000 "reserved".

2. Adjutant

- Membership status as of 9-6-24:19 new, 45 PUFL, 269 renewals, 333 total out of 667 yields 49.93% vs. 50% goal for 11Sept. On motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, the adjutant's report and 9 out of 10 new member applications were approved, 1 new member application held in abeyance pending the Adjutant's phone call to that member for some questions raised by some members.

3. Service Officers report None, Jason Mayer is in training at this time.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Third Friday dinner rotation May-Oct hosted by Lions
- Fifth Sunday (29Sep) breakfast events hosted by Masons.
- Post 49 AL tan hats received 9Sep and out for printing "Post49", blue color on back order.
- Fire extinguisher training TBD.
- Sept/Oct 2024 calendars updated by Emily Fitzbaker, printed and available for review..
- Emily advised she has hired another bartender, Stephanie, her first shift went well.
- Emily also advised there was a possibility of changing food vendors after competitive analysis complete.
- Local High School RAM athletic group may help clean the kitchen in order to obtain service hours.

5. AL Events

- 31 Aug Salute to returning Operation Injured Soldier Veterans on South Pier video link sent to AL family members.
- Post 49 joined by Bangor for 5Sept disposal of unusable US flags with Scouts at Flywheelers. John

- Wallet presented his 3 mounted shell casings to each scout to commemorate the event.
- Post 49 hosted a memorial event 12noon on 11Sept to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of 11Sept 2001 and the 230 veterans from Michigan who were lost during the conflict period.
 - Sept 13, Honor Guard funeral for Army vet, bus leaves at 1:15 for Memory Gardens Cemetery

6. SAL Events

Planning an October dinner for vets, also Nov 24 Larry Carlson Memorial dinner.

7. Aux Events.

Oct 26 Haloween Children's party.

Old Business

- Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement proposal update. Next event is after 15Sept to survey Lakeview Cemetery veterans graves by location to check for flag holders on 1100+ graves; city asked to pay for replacements.
- SHRGC asking to support OIS weekend next year by hosting instruction and capability to try different firearms.
- Clubroom sound reduction. Waiting Aux approval for cost share of \$22,593 total expected cost.
- Auto Zone debit card status.
- Memorial Brick proposal-deBest update pending
- Landscape leveling proposal-deBest update pending
- State funding for Post 49 improvements TBD.
- Fund raising brainstorming in process (Jason Turner, Shelley Ammerman, Angela Ely, Mary Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzbaker, Gerry Durkee, John Barkley) next meeting 18Sep2024 at 1800.
- Exec Com. members approved giving \$100 in drink tickets to SAL member Harold Bennett for emergency repair work performed around the building.
- Maintenance items from Mike Andruch: One of the air Conditioning compressors failed and will need replacement, estimated at approx \$4,000. Other options include adding Heat pump(s) may be considered. Mike to work with Emily for quotes. Mike also reported his concern with the posts in front of main entrance supporting the overhang over the main entrance requiring replacement by contractor at a cost of \$5,000. Exec Com approved hiring of contractor on motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded.
- Exec Com also approved transfer of \$5,000 in funds from Membership account to the building fund on motion of Adjutant Dargis, properly seconded. Mike reminded us that plumbing on outside wall requires replacement by Nov2024.
- On Motion of Seig Freitag, properly seconded, members approved spending \$5,000 to repair front entrance canopy supports. On motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, members also approved spending \$1,000 for needed plumbing repairs to move pipes from an outside wall where they may freeze, to further inside the building.

Other/New Business

- Memorial sitting bench donation in the name of Army Vet. Wayne P Lenhart received. Different possible locations were discussed, Andruch, Aubrey, Russell to get together and consider best location for this bench
- Request thru Steve H. for \$3,000 to pay cost of veteran cremation process to allow release/memorial was WITHDRAWN, the family was able to resolve.
- On motion of Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, a letter drafted by the Commander to solicit donations for two projects was approved by the members to be sent out.
- On motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, the members also approved a payment to the Scouts in the amount of \$500 to the 4th District in order to assist those scouts who can not afford to pay their membership dues, which can be as much as \$200 per year.

Sick call

Dan Farmer still dealing with brain tumor concerns. Rodney Tolbert recently had Hernia surgery.

Communication & Donation Announcements (to/from AL)

None.

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900, 3 OCT.

-Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 26 SEPT..

Memorial to a departed post member

None.

For The Good of The American Legion.

-Sep:, **Wed 1200 Sep 11 Patriot Day salute**, Tuesday Sep 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, Wednesday Sep 18 Air Force Birthday, Friday Sep 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sunday Sep 29 Gold Star Mother's Day.

-Oct: Sunday Oct 13 Navy Birthday, Monday Oct 14 Columbus Day, Wednesday Oct 16 Boss's Day, **Saturday Oct 26 Post 49 Halloween Children's Party**, Thursday Oct 31 Halloween

-Nov: Sunday Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends, **Sunday Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday**, Monday **Nov 11 Veterans Day**, Sunday **Nov 24 Larry Carlson Memorial Dinner**, Thursday Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day, Friday Nov 29 Native American Heritage Day

-Dec: Saturday Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Friday Dec 13 National Guard Birthday, Saturday Dec 21 National Wreaths Across America, Saturday **Dec14 Post 49 Children's Christmas Party**, Wednesday Dec 25 Christmas Day, Thursday Dec 26 Kwanzaa (first day), Tuesday Dec 31 New Year's

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 1958 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by

Adjutant Bob Dargis, American Legion Post 49