

19Jan2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner opened the 19Jan 2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined (virtual Zoom) Meeting with a roll call at 1905.

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. Vice President Mary Fitzgerald, Aux. Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter.**

Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) **present**

Meeting Minutes “10Dec American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” approved as written, distributed previously.

Budget

- Special thank you to both the Sons and Auxiliary for their donations
- Account status for 18Jan2021 \$61,245, not including \$5,200.69 Bank CD or SAL account balance of \$7,828 approved.
- 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, Nov2020 -\$7,023.28
- District Dues are suspended for 2021
- Ongoing/current fixed costs approx \$7,000 per month (bldg/club management, unemployment insurance, utilities, club insurance, acct services, lawn or snow services)
- PPP second draw application in process

Club Opn's Sub Committee report out:

- MDHHS restrictions extended through 1 Feb
- All dinners/soups on hold

AL Events

- Achieved 80.06% membership target including 13 new.
- Funeral Honor Guard events supported as required
- 22Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Senior Thanksgiving dinner AAR
- Presented plaque to Richland Meat Center.



Commander Jason Turner from AL Post 49 in South Haven presents the "Helping Hand Award" on Jan 2, 2021 to Tim on behalf of Richland Meat Market owner Jim Nieuwenhuis. The Richland Meat Market supplied "the meat" for SAL Special Pork Chop dinner events to raise money for the South Haven Community Children's Christmas Fund.

SAL Events

- 22Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Senior Thanksgiving dinner AAR
- Presented plaque to Richland Meat Center for their support of SAL dinner events. Photos of event submitted to MI AL newsletter.

Aux Events

- Mary Fitzgerald replaced Wanda Smith as the Aux. Vice President
- Made 3 donations: \$1,000 to Van Buren Domestic Violence Coalition, \$500 to Fisher House, \$500 to We Care

Other Business:

- New Post 49 member sign-up from Post 225 only 5 to date.
- Service Officer. Steve reported that he supported a homeless veteran's 4 night hotel stay, payment of cell phone bill and new tire, estimated to be less than \$600 and will be split with VFW. Receipts for the less than \$300 AL expense will be sent to Heather for reimbursement.
Heather received two other requests for help and these were forwarded to Larry for follow-up.

-Hard times ahead with continued shutdown.

Second draw PPP expected to help fill the short term gap through March2021.

Will consider sending a general fundraising letter (aka beg letter) to AL (and SAL ?) members at a later date. John asked to create an initial draft and send to Jason for review.

-New American Legion Vision and Mission approved: The Vision: "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America". The Mission: "To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

-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.

-Please submit nominees for AL Historian position to Jason for consideration.

-Revising Combined Mtg start time for 1900 to 1800 deferred to the next meeting.

Next (Membership) meeting: Scheduled 1900 4Feb2021.

For the Good of the Legion:

- Glenn Higgs recovering from a leg infection.
- Tom Dryer winning a long term struggle with diabetes.
- Please make "buddie check" calls/visits when and where possible

Next 2021 days to celebrate:

- President's Day 15 Feb.

Post commander Jason Turner declared meeting adjourned at 2005

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