

**AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**1Oct2020**

Commander Jason Turner conducted **Opening Ceremonies** starting at 1900 and ordered roll call.

**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 and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Trustee Tom Dryer, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Terry Robinson, Member Walter Pascal. Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present ?

**Reading of last meeting minutes.** 3Sept2020 minutes approved as written

**Introduction of guest(s):** New AL Post 49 member Walter Pascal and current member Terry Robinson.

**Committee reports**

1. **Finance:** report approved as summarized below

- Budget. Current account status \$77,933.50 - Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -\$4,850.67, Feb2020 \$4,292.82, Mar2020 -\$8,775.42, Apr2020 -\$12,001.36, May -\$10,521.76, June -\$ 4,888.43, July \$4,148.85, Aug \$13,379.61 vs \$13,025.11 Aug2019.
- Continue waiting to apply for PPP forgiveness. Now have an additional 10 months to apply. Requirements easing.
- State Grant approved and waiting on Post verification as a non-profit.

2. **Adjutant:** report approved as summarized below

- Four (4) new member applications circulated to current membership for their review.
- Member renewals currently at 54.2% vs 55% target.

3. **Service Officers.**

- Larry reported that he is guiding 2 veterans, including one from Kalamazoo, through a process of introducing them to veterans benefits.
- Gary Easterling's next visit still on hold, to be rescheduled at a later date.

4. **Club Operations.**

- A prior request to reinstate bar seating with required social distancing and shielding was put on hold. Covid EO160 limits groups to 10 people or less inside the club and 100 outside. Mask requirements still in place.
- Convection Oven replaced.
- Oct/Nov 2020 calendars not distributed or reviewed..

5. **Family Meetings - AL**

- Follow Up planning meeting for 2021 Salute to Veterans weekend to be scheduled by Bruce Thatcher
- 1 Nov district meeting Post 49, Aux supports with luncheon.
- Post open to the public 31Oct including childrens party 1500 to 1700. Please bring candy donations to post by 1200 30Oct. Candy will also be requested for children's Christmas party.
- 11Nov Veteran's Day celebration/salute being planned and may also include a traveling salute to area nursing homes following an 830-1000 breakfast at the Post

6. **Family Meetings - SAL**

- Sponsoring 830-1000 breakfast 11Nov as part of the Veteran's Day celebration/salute

7. **Family Meetings - Aux**

- No report

**Sick call** Carl Dials currently in Bronson Hospital.

**Unfinished business**

- 48 star flag funded by individual donations.

- Hooligan flyover funded by individual donations. Tom reported that Hooligan flight team will welcome additional opportunities to support the Legion.
- Harold Bennett completed installation of auto flush sensors on urinals.
- Snow plowing competitive quotes and recommendations is TBD.

### **New Business**

- Facility: Ordnance Officer
  - \$200 approved for paint/supplies to paint fence and shed areas. Will request volunteers at a later date.
  - \$285 approved for purchase of stainless steel material to line bottom of new convection oven and corner wall above the "slop sink" area in the kitchen.
  - Cleaning A/C units mentioned (usually a spring requirement prior to summer startup)
- American Legion Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Chuck Aubrey and Steve Hamilton in recognition of their ongoing high level of support to the AL Post 49 Family. Congratulations to both !



- An awards Committee will be led by John Barkley to formalize future award requirements and process. Committee Volunteers to date include Earl Lash, Guy Cherry, Steve Hamilton, Chuck Aubrey and Tom Breen. Please let John know if you are interested in joining the Awards Committee.
- Guy Cherry advised the members that helping a bartender behind the bar does not require training and should be practiced to reduce customer wait times. Sean will review suggestion with Heather for implementation.
- A list of "Next up" [capital spending projects](#) was distributed for member review and feedback. Feedback from Aux and SAL is requested.

**Communication & Donations** - No additional items

### **Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 5Nov
- Club Operations Comm 1530 29Oct, Exec Comm Mtg 1600, Family Mtg 1745 after "King of Diamonds" drawing

**Memorial to a departed post member** None reported

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

- AL Membership and Exec.Com Mtg minutes posted on website (meeting minutes tab).
- Significant events posted on AL website homepage. Event calendar updated on regular basis.
- Columbus Day 12 October, USN Birthday 13 October, National Veterans & Military Families Month November, USMC Birthday 10 November, Veterans/Armistice/Remembrance Day 11 November, Family Week 23-29 Nov, Thanksgiving 26 November

**Closing.** The Commander conducted closing ceremonies and ended the meeting at 2020.

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